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Council jobs will be lost in £86m cuts

HUNDREDS of jobs will be lost, libraries and children's centres will close and millions of pounds will be slashed from youth services in Walsall.

Walsall Council has unveiled its controversial masterplan to save £86 million from its budget over the next four years.

Bosses want to make savings of £29 million next year, with 457 jobs set to be axed. A further £57m will be cut over the following three years.

Under the plans revealed at a press conference at Walsall Council House last night, eight of Walsall's 16 libraries will close, 12 children's centres will also shut, as well as Walsall Museum.

Other cost cutting measures include bin collections becoming fortnightly instead of weekly, charges being introduced for green waste collections and slashing just over £2m from the youth services budget.

Around £900,000 less will be spent on maintaining parks and green spaces in the borough.

Council leader Sean Coughlan said it was the biggest budget cuts he had ever seen at the council. He said: "These are the most horrific budget cuts this council has ever faced."

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NO JUSTICE FOR JAMEY - FAMILY

Fundraising appeal smashes target



All smiles from Amber Porterfield and her mother Sue and brothers Reece and Morgan after breaking the target

A FUNDRAISING appeal which launched seven months ago to help a six-year-old undergo a life-changing operation has smashed its target thanks to a generous donation.

Amber Porterfield, of Pelsall, has spastic diplegic cerebral palsy and has to use a walking frame and a wheelchair.

With the help of Pelsall Village School, where she is a pupil, Amber's family launched an appeal to raise £60,000 for her to be treated at the Cerebral Palsy Centre in the St Louis Children's Hospital, Missouri, next July. The surgery will help the young-

ster, who was diagnosed when she was 18 months old, to walk unaided.

Events have been held across Walsall to help reach the goal but £76,000 has now been raised thanks to a £25,000 donation from Frankie & Benny's.

Amber's mother Sue Kemp, aged 34, said: "It's fantastic. We didn't think we would do the amount we have done in such a short space of time."

"I would like to thank everyone. The extra money will be put towards her after care."

"The response we've had has been amazing. The community really got

behind us and Frankie & Benny's helped to raise this money in over 100 of their restaurants.

"Customers were asked for donations or to donated instead of giving tips."

"Knowing that she will be having this operation is a great feeling. She will eventually be able to walk and she won't be in pain any more. She gets pain in her legs and lower back."

The proposed operation on her spine would test the nerves with electrodes to find which is causing the stiffness in her lower limbs.

This nerve would then be cut.

By Deborah Hardiman

THE family of a Brownhills man who died after being struck by a hit-and-run driver has called for her to face a more serious charge.

Jamey Coleman, aged 24, died from serious head injuries after the collision with the Peugeot driven by Bethany Ward, who later told the police officers she thought had hit a deer.

He was attempting to cross the A5 Watling Street when she struck him at 3.20am on March 30 as he returned from a birthday party at the White Horse.

Mr Coleman, of Springhill Road, a former pupil at Brownhills School, died in hospital the following day.

Ward, 23, was given a four-month suspended jail sentence and banned from driving for a year after admitting failing to stop and failing to report an accident by magistrates last week.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said she was charged with the lesser offences after a senior prosecutor reviewed the case and found that there was no physical evidence at the scene of the collision, no CCTV evidence and very little eyewitness evidence.

After the hearing attended by Mr Coleman's family and friends his mother Tracey, 51, said: "I am so angry. There is no justice for Jamey. She faces two motoring offences and walks free."

"She can do what she wants, go to work and carry on with her life. She has taken that away from my son. Where is her remorse?"

"They said in the court that she was remorseful, but I haven't seen it. The



Died - Jamey Coleman



Bethany Ward - banned

sentence is really disappointing. It makes you lose faith in the police. The justice system is rubbish."

His aunt Kirstin Swann, 36, revealed that the family were now writing to the CPS to appeal for Ward to be charged with the more serious charge of causing death by dangerous driving or death by careless driving.

Restaurant worker Ward, aged 23, of Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley, was also given a 12-month community order with 250 hours unpaid work, along with being ordered to pay £85 costs and £80 victim surcharge.

Mr Chris Loach, defending, said: "She acknowledges that this is a tragedy for the family."

CPS spokesman Vinny Bolina said the Colemans were entitled to a Victim's Rights Review if they disagreed with the prosecution.

Fencing move to foil riders in park

FENCING will be built around a Willenhall beauty spot and patrols across the borough are being stepped up as police crack down on off-road bikes.

Officers say security needs to be tightened at Rough Wood Country Park after a spate of complaints.

It comes as police take action else where across Walsall including Pheasey Park Farm, Bloxwich and Bentley after similar problems.

Forty mopeds and quad bikes have been seized in The Lea, Blakenall, after neighbours said gangs were making their lives a misery.

Another two have been seized near Rough Wood. Police say an inspection of the fencing has revealed it needs to be improved to stop the youths getting on the site.

Sergeant Gurmit Nagra said: "We have increased high visibility foot patrols in the park and conducted a number of operations resulting in the seizure of two off-road motorbikes and three offenders being taken to court. All offenders were fined and motorbikes were confiscated by court order."

In Doe Bank Park, Pheasey, four warning notices have been issued. CCTV cameras have been installed in Collingwood Drive and Beechey Close.

Date set to reopen road

A ROAD in Walsall which has been closed for the past 18 months as part of a £26 million scheme to transform the road network and help create jobs should reopen next April, a year after it was shut.

Bentley Road South was closed as part of works to build a replacement railway bridge. The work is designed to unlock vacant industrial land in Darlaston and Bentley and create thousands of jobs.

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Fuel stop is back in business for town

A SERVICE station has reopened 15 months after it sold its last litre of petrol – bucking the national trend which has seen 900 fuel stops close in the past five years.

Ablewell Service Station in Walsall has been taken over by a family-run business which has successfully turned around four others, two in the Midlands.

Owner Velautham Sarveswaran said: "It is good for Walsall to see

a business reopen. If you walk through the streets of the town centre, you can see numerous shops that have been shut down, it's very sad. Opening the service station again has brought new life back to this part of town, and it's always lit which makes people feel safer. We've had a lot of local support, people are glad to see us."

The 52-year-old is a former civil engineer who worked on the M5

and M6 motorways. Despite a PhD in civil engineering, he gave up the business in order to run petrol stations.

The Walsall site is his fifth, after establishing fuel stops in Swindon, Wiltshire and Boston, Lincolnshire, as well as Redditch and the Maypole in Birmingham.

He said it was important to get the location and pricing right.

The Ablewell site is currently sell-

ing unleaded petrol at 125.7p a litre and diesel at 128.7p a litre. He said: "We don't want to be greedy. We try and keep our prices in line with supermarkets. We can reassure people we will be consistently cheaper."

Mr Sarveswaran, who runs the firm with his wife Ananthi, said: "This is a family business which also helps to keep down the costs." The couple have one son who is presently studying for his A-levels.

Council reveals full reality of £86m cuts

THE full reality of Walsall Council's plans to slash £86 million from its budget over the next four years have been revealed.

The authority wants to reduce £29.2 million from its budget next year and a further £57 million over the following three years by March 2019.

It means 487 jobs will be axed, eight libraries and 12 children's centres will close, and Walsall Museum will shut.

The museum was saved from the axe last year by the Conservative coalition led council but now seems to have had its day.

Bin collections will become fortnightly and an annual charge of £28 will be introduced for green waste collections. Also cuts of £2,310,000 will be made to youth services.

Council leader Sean Coughlan said drawing up a budget with so many cuts included had been difficult.

He said: "ur priority has been to protect the most vulnerable people and to do what we can to continue making Walsall a good place to live."

"This is a really difficult day. We need to make savings of £86million over the next four years and £29m in our first year. We did not expect to inherit a council on the edge of a financial cliff."

The 487 redundancies will be made between April 2015 and March 2017. Of those, 112 are already vacant posts.

Shutting children's centres will save the council £1.8m and library closures will save it just over £500,000. Bin collections will become fortnightly from April 2016 and charges will be introduced for garden waste collections from April 2016.

The street cleansing service budget will be slashed by £1.5m. Savings in grass cutting, parks and grounds maintenance could save the council nearly £900,000.

The proposals will go before full council in February.

A decision will be made before the end of the year. Meetings will take place at Oakham Library on October 24 from 5.30pm to 7pm, at Rounds Green Library on November 3, from 4.30pm to 6pm, at Langley Library on November 4, 2.30pm to 4pm and at Hill Top Library on November 10 from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Mechanic ploughs into hobby



Car mechanic Graham Turner ploughs a straight line with his horses Micky and Billy-Jim

THEY rolled back the years as they turned the soil in a South Staffordshire field.

Shire horses were back in business pulling the plough just like their ancestors had done for centuries before them.

Billy-Jim and Micky, aged 17 and 13 respectively, took the strain while 40-year-old Rob Laws drove them and his father-in-law Graham Turner worked the plough.

They were taking part in the Lower Penn Vintage Ploughing Match on Sunday and it was a daunting challenge since it was only

the sixth time they had tried it. Mr Turner, a car mechanic living in a flat in Chuckery, Walsall, keeps four heavy horses on land he leases but had to borrow the plough. He said: "The horses are a serious hobby for me and taking part in this competition is a nice way to keep the heritage alive."

"I have owned heavy horses for 17 years but have only just turned my hand to ploughing. It is hard work and you need steady horses. I am only borrowing a plough at the moment while I give it a go."

Ex-Tory chief to stand for UKIP



Barry Sanders – defected
 A FORMER Tory councillor in Walsall, who spent six months on the cabinet as leisure chief, has defected to UKIP

Barry Sanders was selected by the Conservative Party in the run-up to the local elections in 2011.

Prior to that he had represented the Paddock ward for nine years from 2002.

He will stand as a UKIP prospective councillor for Paddock in the elections next May.

The 67-year-old said: "I have chosen to join a democratic party."

"I think UKIP are capable of winning any seat."

Mr Sanders added that he felt let down by the Tory party and what had happened three years ago in the run-up to the local elections.

"UKIP is a progressive, dynamic party," he added.

"I do feel betrayed by the Tory party locally. That is why I have defected."

When he was cabinet member for leisure in 2009 he helped secure a £5 million Heritage Lottery grant for Walsall Arboretum.

"I enjoy local politics and I want to give it another go," he said.

Canal group needs helpers

ORGANISERS of a canal show that attracts thousands of visitors have called for more volunteers to get on board to keep the annual event alive.

Brownhills Canal Festival will return next June. Now the team behind the successful show say it is time for new faces to help with it.

There will be an open meeting on November 4 at Park View Centre, Chester Road North, to discuss the arrangements. Guests from the Canal & Waterway Trust who support the show are due to attend. The meeting starts at 7.30pm.

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Careers convention to help students

CHASE Terrace Technology College is looking for local companies to take part in a careers convention.

The college on Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, is organising the evening for students ages 15 to 19 and is offering free stands to organisations that could offer expert advice to school leavers.

Companies already signed up include Barclays Bank, JCB, Jobcentre, Morrisons and Jaguar Land Rover.

There will also be universities, colleges, apprenticeships and training providers available as well as representatives from the Army, Police, RAF and Fire Service. The event will take place on November 13 from 6pm to 8pm.

Organiser Rebecca Bynt said: "We want to help students look at what options are available and help them take charge of their future by building skills and confidence and opening up new opportunities for them."

"Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet over 60 local, national and global representatives from many different organisations. There will be expert advice and guidance."

For more information call 01543 682286.

Farewell to church rector

WORSHIPPERS at a Walsall church have bid a fond farewell to their rector of nine years who has retired from full time ministry.

The Rev Paul Myers led his final service at Christ Church, in Blakenall Heath, on September 28. In the parish magazine he stated: "We will take with us many recollections of events and people in Blakenall. The joy of school services and riotous children's workshops."

The former chairman of governors at Christchurch CE Primary School, Harden, and his wife Rosemary have retired to Leek.

Shop closed

A THIRD shop in Walsall has been closed due to mouse infestation. Ashirwaad Sweets Centre, Caldmore Road, Caldmore, was served with a hygiene emergency prohibition notice last week but was allowed to reopen two days later after it dealt with the problem.

Mayoress praises the good work in community



Laura Barnes and Suzanne Ursell, of

THE Mayoress of Walsall was the centre of attention as she met hundreds of people from across the community.

Laura Barnes, niece of Mayor Councillor Pete Smith, mingled with 300 invited guests at the event at Walsall Town Hall.

It is traditionally seen as an opportunity for people to meet the mayoress, with Civic Sunday being the mayor's equivalent.

Mrs Barnes, aged 38, said she is 'loving every minute' of her time in the role, which she took up in May.

Guests including charity fundraisers, volunteers and community group leaders gathered for the afternoon tea. Money was

raised for the mayoral charities, which this year are Macmillan Cancer Support, the MS Society, Walsall Heart Care and Bloxwich Community Partnership.

The proceeds are currently being counted but it is hoped hundreds of pounds had been generated.

Mrs Barnes, a former broadcast assistant on BBC Radio WM, said: "It was a really great day and it was fantastic to meet so many people."

"I feel really honoured to taking this role. Everyone in Walsall has made me feel so welcome and it is lovely to be helping the various charities. When my uncle asked me

if I could do this role, I was really keen as I have always want to help as many charities as possible."

She now has a packed calendar of events and community visits for the coming months. Mrs Barnes said the role had opened her eyes to 'all the good work being done in Walsall'.

She added: "I've seen the place in a different light now - there is so much going on, I had no idea at all."

"Communities are really pulling together and it is great to see."

"I'm having such a great time doing this and I don't want it to end."

Hoard brought to life in new interactive display

By Andrew Turton

SOME of the world famous items from the Staffordshire Hoard are being brought to life like never before in a new interactive exhibition.

Around 1.5 million people have been to see the hoard on display since it was discovered in a farmer's field in Hammerwich five years ago.

Now they can get a new perspective on this fascinating find as more than 300 ornate pieces go on display at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

The display will shine a light on conservation work to protect the Hoard.

The gold and silver items will be brought into focus using microscopes giving visitors an even clear view of some of the Anglo Saxon treasure.

Touch screens and videos will allow people an even greater insight.

Younger visitors can get to grips with some of the unusual tools that conservation staff have used while working with the 1,400-year-old objects.

Exquisite

Visitors can find out about the exquisite craftsmanship used to create the items and learn how the designs of the objects can be linked to many regions across Europe.

Many of the well known pieces feature including the folded cross, the Millefiori stud and sword pommels.

The display will become a permanent gallery home to many pieces of the Hoard which has been on tour across the country. The exhibition was developed with a £700,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to help display the find.

Birmingham Museum's director, Ellen McAdam, said staff were excited to have the new exhibition open to the public.

"The Staffordshire Hoard is one of Birmingham's most popular collections, and this new gallery will give visitors an even greater access to this unique find," she said.

"Last year alone, over 100,000 people from across the world came to see the Hoard at the museum, and we look forward to welcoming many more visitors in years to come."



Staffordshire Hoard conservation co-ordinator Pieta Greaves with a replica of the pectoral cross at Birmingham Museum and Art



Items prepared for the interactive exhibition



Fragments of a gold hilt collar



A silver gilt object featured in the collection

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayhem promise for ghost walk

PSYCHIC medium Philip Solomon will be leading a ghostly guided tour for Halloween in Willenhall.

It will be through what are supposed to be some of the town's most haunted places. He also promises magic, mayhem and paranormal experiments.

The 90-minute walk is on October 30 and begins at 7.30pm from St Giles School. Places costs £14.99 for adults, £8.99 for under 13s and will include fish and chips. They can be booked by emailing p.solomon@blueyonder.co.uk or call 07753 211506.

Eyesore former rail line to be filled in

A DISUSED railway in Walsall will be filled in to combat problems with fly-tippers. Preparations are under way for the work along the old Rycroft to Reedswood track bed.

West Midlands passenger transport authority, Centro spokesman Peter Cameron said: "Unfortunately the disused railway cutting in this area has attracted fly-tippers and become something of an eyesore. We are planning permissions from Walsall Council."

Delight over housing rejection

A DECISION to reject plans to build housing on green belt land has been hailed as a 'victory for common sense'.

Plans for 14 homes off Buchanan Road, south of Calderfields Farm, near Walsall Arboretum, sparked concerns from Friends of the Earth. Walsall Council rejected it as it would harm the green belt. The group said it was a victory for residents.

Landlords urged to attend talk

LANDLORDS are urged to attend the West Midlands Landlords Conference in Walsall to get the latest news on the private housing industry.

Representatives from the Communities and Local Government Department and the Home Office will address the conference on November 13 at Walsall FC's Banks's Stadium.

Poppy appeal

THE Pelsall branch of the Royal British Legion launches its poppy appeal on Saturday at 10am outside the Co-op, Pelsall High Street, with junior poppy club and youth members and the 1st Pelsall Scouts.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



PROVING there is no subject too awful, too appalling or too globally life-threatening to laugh at, a reader says he was amused to read that air passengers tested for Ebola will "have their temperature taken at entry points." Let's see if we're still amused six months from now, eh?

MANY thanks to Daniela Liverani, 24, from Edinburgh who chose this week to volunteer the news that, having suffered from nosebleeds for some weeks, she finally discovered she had a three-inch leech living in one nostril. I think most of us would have kept that to ourselves.

MICHAEL McIntyre stormed off the stage when a woman persistently used her mobile phone. I sympathise, coming fresh from a birthday party where a hugely-talented couple performed a selection of blues and soul standards. They were excellent but 90 per cent of the guests simply ignored them, talking over the music and not even applauding at the end. The simple courtesies, such as the ability to shut our traps and listen, are fading fast.

SO what do drivers really make of "driver awareness" courses, offered as an alternative to penalty points on your licence? You can find plenty of drivers who sing their praises, but then their view may be tempered by thankfulness at keeping a clean licence. A dissident breaks ranks to tell me: "I attended one of these courses and all I got from it was pins and needles in my bum. It was a complete waste of time." He calculated that the fees paid by drivers at his session amounted to £2,000 per half day. The two men running the course insisted there was no profit, but he was not convinced.

I NOTE that during the Most Secret Trial in History (the one about an alleged plot against Tony and Cherie Blair, and I may already have said too much), it emerges that selected journalists will be allowed to attend the court hearings and take notes, but not report anything, at least not for the time being.



Their notebooks are solemnly locked away at the end of each day. As any hack can tell you, there is a grave danger in this, namely the very brief shelf-life of shorthand. Like so many fine products, shorthand goes off. An hour or so after you've scribbled it feverishly into your notebook at 120 words per minute, it makes perfect sense. Leave it for six months, however, and it mysteriously decays and turns into mere squiggles. The Most Secret Trial in History may end up being even more secret than anyone intended.

JAMES Lusted was born with dwarfism and stands just 3ft 7ins, two feet shorter than his fiancée Chloe Roberts. They are a familiar site in their home city of Cardiff but the waitress in the local Harvester restaurant had never seen them before. So, in the best Harvester tradition, she seated the couple, gave Chloe a menu and picked up a kids' colouring book for the little chap. It was only when James spoke in his deep voice that she realised her mistake. She was embarrassed and Harvester are mortified. And the couple? Chloe and James think the whole incident was hilarious. It would have been so easy for them to be outraged and to demand payment for hurt, distress, loss of earnings, mood swings and the other usual pseudo-symptoms trotted out by compensation lawyers. Instead, they laugh it off. James, a motivational speaker and badminton star, says: "I am man enough to see the funny side. I would never take offence." Pity there are not more blokes like him. Little guy, big man.

WE have friends staying for a few days. Their kids, aged nine and 11, are prime examples of the wired generation, as familiar with tablets and smartphones as we were with conkers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Landlords urged to attend conference

LANDLORDS in Sandwell have been urged to attend a special conference to get the latest information on private housing from representatives of two Government departments.

The first West Midlands Landlords Conference was organised last year with more than 250 delegates attending and this year the organisers are building on the format with

a stronger programme. Representatives from The Communities and Local Government Department and the Home Office will address the conference at the Walsall Football Club Stadium at Bescot Crescent, Walsall on November 13.

About 350 landlords are expected to attend to discuss the future of the private rented sector and the implications of the Immigration

Act. Landlords attending will also be able to hear from David Cox, managing director of the Association of Residential Letting Agents, who completes a high-profile line up, never seen before in the West Midlands.

Landlords attending the free, full day conference, will also be able to go to a series of topical and business relevant workshops, to help grow

and operate their rental businesses. Stephen Gabriel, strategic manager at Sandwell Council who will chair the conference, said: "This event is a must-attend conference for landlords operating across Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country."

He said places were limited. To book, email Androulla Moore on mooreandroulla@walsall.gov.uk

Hygiene warning to prevent sick bug

RESIDENTS have been urged to take steps to prevent an outbreak of winter sickness bug norovirus.

There were eight confirmed cases across Walsall in September, although it did not cause any widespread closure of services.

Health bosses have urged people to take steps to ensure it is kept under control during the winter period.

Councillor Ian Robertson, portfolio holder for health, said: "Good hygiene can help prevent the virus from spreading so washing our hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water is a simple but effective precaution."

Dr Uma Viswanathan, joint interim director of public health, added: "The symptoms include sickness and diarrhoea and the infection usually clears up on its own within two to three days."

"There is no specific treatment and people should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration and take simple pain killers for aches and fever."

"Extra care should be taken to prevent babies and small children who are vomiting or have diarrhoea from dehydrating, by giving them plenty of fluids."

Training plan turned down

MOVES to open a training centre for more than 60 students in Brownhills High Street have been rejected by council planners.

Nova Training was looking to transform a former solicitor's office as part of relocation proposals from Maybrook Industrial Estate.

It provides youth and adult training programmes.

Walsall Council turned down the application due to the impact of a two-storey extension on the area. David Bucknall, from Nova, said: "We will be revising the plans, and submitting very soon."

Housing plan

A DERELICT garage which has been a target for anti-social behaviour in Walsall could be transformed with flats and houses.

Developers want to build a three-storey apartments block and 12 houses on the site in Woodwards Road, Pleck.

WORK has begun to chop down hundreds of trees on Brownhills Common which are being felled as part of a controversial plan to restore heathland.

The action has sparked outrage in the town, but despite more than 2,000 residents signing petitions against the plans the scheme is going ahead.

Disgruntled campaigners failed in their battle to stop the conifers from being felled after the government's environmental adviser Natural England said the tree management work is necessary.

Under the original proposals, 60 per cent of the trees were to be cut down.

But after the outcry it was revised to 30 per cent or about 650 from two wooded areas at the nature reserve. Walsall Council said it had to comply with the request from Natural England or risk enforcement action.

Barrie Poxon, of the Brownhills Common Group, said: "They have started to chop the trees down behind Holland Park. Red dots have been marked on the ones that are ready for murder."

"The clearing is being done section by section."

"They are cutting down the pine trees that are native to the common. We go down and check that they are not chopping down any others. Last year they removed a wooded area and they do seem to be following the plan."

"The council is carrying out the work, but it's Natural England that is the force behind it."

By Deborah Hardiman

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"We did win a slight concession when the Forest Commission stepped in and said 60 per cent was too many and so it will only be 30 per cent, but the community didn't want any of them to be taken out in the first place. So the situation is still not satisfactory."

"Among the issues now is that this is bog land and the whole chopping down and removal of the trunks and branches is creating a mess. The site is being churned up."

"We lost the battle, but we still have concerns because as far as we are concerned the common is being decimated. It is terrible to see them chopping the trees down," Mr Poxon added.

Council leader Sean Coughlan said: "It is something that has to be done because Natural England said it has to be returned to heathland."

University for young

A UNIVERSITY for children has launched in the Black Country. The project, co-ordinated by the University of Wolverhampton, aims to provide high-quality and exciting out-of-school-hours learning activities from youngsters aged seven to 11. There are campuses in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley.

Amy Allen from the university said: "The Black Country Children's University launch event was a huge success. Not only does the children's university aim to raise aspirations and levels of achievement, it also aims to engage whole communities and parents in the learning experience."

Store service collects 37 jobs



Store manager Dave Makinson helps Chris Kinsey as they prepare to launch the service

A HOME shopping service has been launched in Walsall, creating more than 30 jobs. Asda's 'click and collect' operates from its Bloxwich supermarket, which has been open for more than 40 years.

The branch converted an outbuilding in its warehouse into a collection point.

The expansion has created 27 full-time and part-time jobs for drivers, personal shoppers and loaders. In addition, it has created around 10 part-time vacancies across all departments in the store. On the

first day of its launch last week, the store dealt with 73 home deliveries and a handful of click and collect orders.

Steve Jukes, ecommerce trading manager, said: "The first day has been very busy. It's been challenging but good. There's been lots of happy customers. Customers can now order to have their deliveries sent home. We have a click and collect service so they can pick their shopping up from the store on their way home. It will be a massive improvement for the store."

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Town site takes on people in help need

A CONTROVERSIAL care group for people with mental health issues, alcohol and drug problems has moved out of its Wolverhampton base.

Fernbank Care in the Community provided supported accommodation for single people aged 18 and over - many of whom have been through prisons and ended up homeless - at three properties in Larches Lane, Chapel Ash, owned by Besswick Group.

Fernbank, which had been based at the site since 2002, moved all of its tenants out of the hostels at the end of August, with at least half of them thought to have been relocated to other premises in Wilbraham Road, Walsall.

A spokesperson for the group said: "The owners wanted the land back so we had to vacate the premises."

"We have long had a presence in Walsall and that is now where we will be operating from."

Fernbank has had a troubled past in the city, with complaints frequently put forward by residents in the Chapel Ash area over service users drinking alcohol in the streets and exhibiting anti-social behaviour.

Signs bid to tackle racers

HIGHWAYS officers have been praised for helping with the installation of speed limit signs to tackle boy racers on a Walsall estate. They are being put on Cavendish Road and Stephenson Avenue, Beechdale, this month.

It follows campaigns by councillors and residents amid concerns over safety due to dangerous driving. Some boy racers have been hitting speeds of more than 90mph and speed activated signs are to be installed.

Ward councillor Chris Jones praised engineers and campaigners for their hard work.

Driving delays

DRIVERS are being warned of possible delays along a busy route through Bloxwich during roadworks on Sunday. Temporary traffic lights will operate on the B4210 Bloxwich Road, at the junction of The Pinfold, for repairs between 8am and 5pm.

Knife-threat robber jailed for four years



Daniel Keats - knife threat

A PROLIFIC criminal who robbed two terrified schoolboys has been locked up for four years.

Daniel Keats struck while the 15-year-olds were shopping in Walsall town centre.

Keats, with 17 previous convictions for 26 separate offences, including two street robberies, followed the pair into an alley behind shops and told them to hand over their phones on May 31, Mr David Lees, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The 21-year-old then 'reinforced'

the order by pulling out a flick-knife with a 4ins blade. Mr Lees added: "Both boys were very frightened and did as he demanded."

Soon afterwards the defendant also threatened an 18-year-old shopper who was forced to give up his wallet containing around £65, the court heard.

By coincidence, shortly before the crime spree, Keats had been stopped by a policeman in the town centre in connection with an unconnected inquiry and had given the officer his name and address. CCTV

of the street robberies, recovered in June, was later reviewed by the officer, who recognised the defendant.

Keats was arrested on July 20 and later picked out at an identity parade by both of the schoolboys involved.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, claimed Keats' life had 'fallen apart' after he lost his job and was forced to leave his accommodation as debts started to pile up in April. He then 'did what he used to do' and returned to crime.

Keats from Ingram Road, Blak-

enall, Walsall, pleaded guilty to robbery, theft and possession of a knife. He asked for a further street robbery, during which cash was stolen, to be taken into consideration.

He was jailed by Recorder Stephen Thomas who told him: "These 15-year-old boys - doubtless deliberately targeted by you - must have been petrified when faced with that knife. You have an appalling record, have engaged in street robbery before and on one of those occasions was also in possession of a flick-knife."

Traders are urged to sign up for Christmas market

A MARKET is to return to Brownhills this Christmas in a bid to draw more shoppers into the town.

Up to 40 traders are being sought for a two-day pitch in High Street as part of festive celebrations. The main weekly market was scrapped several years ago due to dwindling numbers.

The Christmas event will be based on the Walsall night market model - although it emerged this month that the main town centre event will not be held during regeneration work.

The market will be held in the Ravenscourt Precinct on December 13 and 14 and will sell niche goods, including crafts, jewellery, continental gifts and hot food.

Organisers are urging traders who want to take part to contact them as soon as possible.

Nikki Rolls, from Walsall Council's district centre management team, said: "We're hoping to put on a really good event. The night market in Walsall town centre was extremely popular and we want to create a similar event here in Brownhills."

"We're seeking a high quality, niche Christmas market consisting of traders in crafts, jewellery, bespoke and novelty gifts, continental goods and cottage industry businesses. If this is you, we'd love to hear from you."

The event will run from 10am until 4pm on both days and there will also be a Santa's Grotto, children's rides and other festive themed entertainment.

Regeneration chief Councillor Mohammad Nazir said: "This should be a great event for the people and visitors to Brownhills."

Call Nikki Rolls on 07904 264920 or email RollsN@walsall.gov.uk for more information or to book a place.

Golden moment captured at Chasewater



Chasewater Country Park could be a beauty spot anywhere in the world in this photograph taken by Stuart Mayo

WITH the gently lapping waters and golden glow as the sun sets, this spectacular image could capture the end of summer of any tropical location in the world.

But this photograph with the romantic image of a couple enjoying the picturesque scene was taken from Chasewater Country Park, near Brownhills.

Great-grandfather Stuart Mayo managed to catch the shot of the sun peering through the cloud from the walkway near the water's edge. As

the darkness starts to fall it reflects the ending of the summer heading into the autumn.

With the permission of the couple, Mr Mayo, from Willenhall, took the photograph around the time of the end of August, early September at around 9.30pm. He is a regular visitor to the park and having re-ignited his interest in photography around three years ago often has his camera with him to catch a shot of the idyllic surroundings.

The 51 year-old, of Lichfield Road,

New Invention, said he was drawn to take the picture due to the sunset in the background. With the clear sky making a 'gorgeous' scene.

"It has all the colours and with the couple it adds to the overall feeling, it was quite a romantic setting," he said. "It is just warming, it captures the end of a sunny day, when it is just about cooling down."

Mr Mayo is a member of the Focal Point photography group initially started. He said Chasewater was an ideal location.

Tories pick police boss as candidate



Sue Arnold - Tory choice

STAFFORDSHIRE'S deputy police and crime commissioner has been chosen as the prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Walsall South.

Sue Arnold, who grew up in Walsall, will stand against Labour MP Valerie Vaz next May's general election.

The 54-year-old was selected from a shortlist of three, currently held with a 1,700-majority by Miss Vaz.

The businesswoman and mother-of-one said: "I'm thrilled and delighted to be challenging for the Walsall South parliamentary seat in the town where I was born and grew up. I'm here as the local girl to be a local champion - to stand up for local communities."

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes - not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

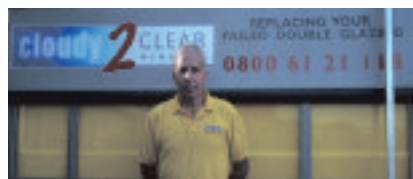
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money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

SOMETIMES you wonder whether the top brass of public sector organisations such as the BBC have been infiltrated by some cutting-edge comedy act, whose role is to provide endless satirical material to make life as easy as possible for us columnists.

For example, how else could one explain the recent report that old Auntie Beeb has blown £200,000 of licence-payers' money teaching its staff how to use iPhones?

Straight away, MP Philip Davies, who has turned BBC-bashing into something of an art form, was presented with an open goal. Predictably, he was quick to remark that if BBC staff were so stupid that they couldn't use an iPhone, then the corporation should probably change its recruitment process. And who could argue with that?

Except that I wouldn't know how to operate an iPhone either. And not because I am stupid – although, many will argue that may well be the case – but simply because I have never had cause to use one of the devices, and nobody has ever shown me.

However, I would hazard a guess that they usually come with some form of instruction booklet, so you would not think it beyond the wit of most BBC professionals to be able to read those before embarking on a £200,000 training programme.

And when I needed to use an iPad for the first time, I devised a particularly cost-efficient training programme which I think the BBC could learn from. I asked a technically savvy colleague to show me what to do, simples.

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OF all the nations you might expect to come up with a solution to end all wars and bring everlasting world peace, I must concede that I never thought that the Russians and the Australians would figure highly.

But it looks like a spat between Australian premier Tony Abbott and Russia's Vladimir Putin has unwittingly come up with a way to resolve all future conflicts without armies ever having to take up arms against one another again.

London-born Abbott fired the opening salvo, saying he was going to 'shirt front' Putin over the shooting down of the M17 airliner, which claimed 38 Australian lives. Apparently, 'shirt-front' is Antipodean slang for charging a player in the chest in Aussie-rules football, and is not considered sportsmanlike behaviour.

Anyway, not to be outdone, Putin has now reminded Abbott that while he might be good at cycling, it is the Russian leader who is the judo champion. Fight!

Wouldn't it be refreshing if, instead of sending thousands of young men to their deaths every time they had a disagreement, world leaders just settled their differences with a good old-fashioned fist fight, no innocent parties involved?



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Jimi Hendrix, in all his glory

Drawing punters in with starry art

LISA O'BRIEN talks to brilliant caricaturist Franny Williams, whose artwork adorns the walls of his

THEY are the big named stars from yesteryear who are still much-loved by many around the globe – and they are now appearing at a pub in the Black Country, as you have never seen them before.

From Marilyn Monroe to Charlie Chaplin and Clint Eastwood, the caricatures showing more than a dozen celebrities with super-sized heads and tiny bodies are lining the walls of The Victoria pub in Walsall.

They have been drawn by self-taught artist Francis Williams, of Chuckery, who has been visiting the pub in Lower Rushall Street for more than 30 years.

And they have attracted a number of admirers who have commissioned him to draw relatives and even their beloved family pets.

In the comfort of his own home in Beacon Street, where he grew up, the father-of-two can spend up to 20 hours creating each intricate drawing.

The 52-year-old, who has worked as an upholsterer for 30 years and has helped craft scenery for theatre shows, discovered his artistic talent when he was just four or five years old.

He said: "I used to watch my brother drawing motorbikes. I liked drawing footballers, cricketers, Elvis and pop stars, then it became caricatures and film stars. The first caricature I did was



Francis 'Franny' Williams, at the Victoria pub, with his drawings

of Benny Hill in 1977 but I didn't really get into caricatures until about 18 years ago. I was down at The Victoria and thought it was a shame they had no pictures on the walls. I asked if they would like to see my pictures and they wanted my caricatures."

The 13 sketches hung on the walls of the pub, in themed sections, are available to buy as framed prints for £35 to £45, but Mr Williams said he had also been getting requests to draw personal caricatures for people to give away as presents or hang in their own homes.

The former Joseph Leckie pupil, who would draw portraits of his teachers and sketch alongside sixth formers at school, was also asked to create a bust of former Walsall Mayor Jim Leadbeater to welcome him into the role in the 1970s and was sent a letter of thanks from the Mayor's parlour.

He had been about eight-years-old and a pupil at Chuckery Infant and Junior School when a teacher first recognised his talent when he drew a picture of the lake and ducks at Walsall Arboretum. However the first time

he saw his artwork displayed in a public place was when he visited Amsterdam on holiday 20 years ago.

His gothic sketches caught the eye of a cafe owner who put them up around his shop.

For the past 25 years, he has also helped to make the background scenes for plays at The Grange Playhouse, in Broadway North, Walsall, for shows such as Happy Families and The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Mr Williams, who has also sketched a caricature of his own three-year-old son, Bobby Williams, said the caricatures he draws usually take him between 15 and 20 hours and the last personal portrait he did for a friend took up to 30. "I've sold a fair few prints so far, probably 10 to 15, after people have seen them at the pub," said Mr Williams, who also has a 23-year-old daughter called Sophie.

Imagination

"I've also been commissioned around five times to do them for people. They wanted to give them away as a birthday present and one guy wanted one of his dogs. I've done them for friends of mine.

"I get pictures of their face and the rest is my own imagination. I draw things to match their personalities or mannerisms."

Mr Williams added: "I love the old films. Some of them are inspirational figures such as Mahatma Gandhi. There are people I admire like Charlie Chaplin.

"I've been a big fan of Elvis for many years and I love nature so some of my artworks have animals in them."

Anyone interested in a framed print of Mr Williams' work, or those who would like to commission him for a caricature, can call him on 07933 696501.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

IT is absolutely right that UKIP's Nigel Farage should be included in an ITV debate between party leaders in the run up to the General Election.

But so, too, it is correct for there to be a head to head on Sky and Channel 4 between David Cameron and Ed Miliband without Mr Farage or Liberal Democrat Nick Clegg present. The Tory and Labour leaders are the only ones who stand a chance of being Prime Minister next year.

The viewing public need be reminded of the real heads or tails choice they face in at least one of those debates.

What is particularly galling for some politicians is the plan of the BBC to hold a debate including Mr Clegg but excluding Mr Farage as well as the leaders of other parties, such as the Greens and Respect, all of whom like UKIP currently have at least one MP.

The Liberal Democrats are a busted flush, according to UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge. He said: "If anything, it should be the Lib Dems arguing to keep their place in the debates, not UKIP arguing to be given one."

He has a point. The Lib Dems lost their deposit in no fewer than seven by-elections since 2010. There are parts of the West Midlands where they did not even bother standing in council elections.

They might well be a party of government, but they have no more chance of winning a majority than any of the minor parties. As such, Nick Clegg deserves to be relegated to a debate with the minor parties.

Better still, he and Mr Farage should go head to head as the ones whose parties the opinion polls indicate are currently vying for third place.

There is every chance Nigel Farage could be as much of a kingmaker next year as Nick Clegg was in 2010.

What their parties demand in exchange for their support in the event of a hung Parliament could change the future of Britain.

IN Westminster, the Tories love to claim all the credit for the recent good news on unemployment. Yet their opposition leader on Wolverhampton City Council suggests there are not quite the reasons to be cheerful there should be.

Wendy Thompson is unhappy the city has the highest percentage of people claiming Jobseekers' Allowance and calls on the Labour council to do more, saying she does not want its recent business week to be dismissed as 'hot air'.

Councillor Thompson is to be congratulated for her willingness to speak truth to power, even if she ends up on the wrong side of her own party line. But if things do get better, something tells me David Cameron and George Osborne won't share credit with Labour-run Wolverhampton City Council.

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Where will it all end? Where are our elected local MPs? Walsall MBC Health Scrutiny Panel? Care Quality Commission? CCG and health and well-being group?

I would suggest that Stafford is not an isolated case, all the tell-tale signs are here for all to witness, it's happening here in Walsall. The 'usual' excuses are trotted out with regularity, rising patient numbers because of the downgrading of Stafford but the public are only ever given percentage numbers rather than absolute numbers.

It is only because of your newspaper that we have insight and knowledge of the continual crises as no-one else seems bothered to report or action problems.

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Right on for room to roam

THIS autumn marks the 10th anniversary of the move to open our countryside for public use.

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Walkers eventually won the right to roam but they also have responsibilities to follow the Countryside Code.

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UKIP progress is a real wake-up call

ISEE the election of the first of the UKIP candidates as a member of parliament as another wake-up call to all the other political parties. Were so many completely blind to the disastrous effects of the Thatcher era?

As a realist, my question is, do we have elections of our representatives to administer the business of our country, or are elections for the promotion of political parties?

Surely political parties' real role is to seek out possible candidates with administrative capability, and if necessary provide training courses for suitable people.

Where the fortunes of life lead, often despite efforts to set a course, sets the requirements of what is the best solution to what-

ever problem. For the best of solutions, there can be no could be no doubt that teamwork provides the answer.

So do we have a need for an opposition, or a team drawn with various experiences capable to successfully find solutions.

For the borough of Walsall, the problems of finance, education, roads, housing, social services, have remained the same for decades.

Voting for political parties, despite the inadequate candidates, is nonsense. Selection of those with capability, working together talking together, sharing of ideas, lead to the changes we desperately need.

RAY HAMMOND
Aldridge.

Ebola to be next plague?

WITH the advent of air travel comes the swift global widespread of fatal diseases.

Ebola currently is claiming the lives of 50 to 60 per cent of people infected and has to date claimed the lives of circa 4,000 people. Do not compare this with AIDS which could take years to claim its victims. Ebola is far more aggressive incubating in 10 to 14 days before showing symptoms, and only weeks or a few months to kill. There is no cure.

Our government has known about this outbreak of Ebola for months and has done nothing about it except to send 650 health workers out there to try and contain it. Our government needs to come up with some strategy soon, or we will all be at risk of coming into contact with this deadly disease.

We do not want this disease to become the 'Black Death' of the 21st century.

A PARKER, Willenhall

Library fight is continuing

THE Staffordshire County Council consultation on the libraries may be over, but our campaigning in Great Wyrley needs to go on.

The proposals for our library, are for it to be community-led, run by community with volunteers. Yet again we are asking volunteers to provide a service that should be funded by our taxes. If you wish to assist in continuing to getting this message across, email me via brian1806@tiscali.co.uk, call 01922 414181 or drop me a line at 53 Bentons Lane.

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Connie returning over the rainbow to Asia

WITH a new album and tour of Asia on the horizon, things are showing no sign of slowing down for Streetly singing sensation Connie Talbot.

She first rose to prominence on TV show Britain's Got Talent in 2007 when her rendition of Somewhere Over The Rainbow grabbed the attention of the nation.

Connie, now aged 13, has managed to build up an army of fans across the globe since then, particularly Asia, where she headlines concerts.

Connie is now preparing for a two week tour of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea in late November and is soon to release an EP which will include some of her own material.

Early next year she is also due to release her latest album, which will have songs she has been working on.

The teenager, who has dreams of becoming a pop star in the future, is now looking forward to the coming months.

"I like going round and visiting different countries, I like writing my own songs and getting on my piano and guitar," she said. "I am really excited, it is amazing everyone is so welcoming it is so incredible over there."

Her mother Sharon said despite her music, the youngster will still be spending plenty of time on her studies. "She is really enjoying it, she is interested in writing her own but also concentrating on her school."

"It is unbelievable the reaction they have in Asia to Connie."

There has been plenty of success for Connie since she burst onto the scene.

Her debut album, Over the Rainbow, has sold over 250,000 copies worldwide and reached number one in three countries.

Other landmarks included early 2011, when Connie headed off to China to perform at the country's New Year celebrations.



Connie Talbot, age 13, at her Streetly home, prepares for a new tour

Ales strike gold in con-

A WALSALL micro-brewery and a Stafford brewery have won gold medals for their beers.

Backyard Brewery's 3.9 per cent strength Hoard won in the standard bitter category in the Society of Independent Brewers' Midlands regional competition with Slater's Ales' 4.2 per cent Queen Bee winning the bottled speciality beer class.

Judging took place at the Robin Hood Beer Festival in Nottingham. Backyard also won a bronze in the

bottled gold beer class for its 4.4 per cent Gold.

Slater's Ales in Stafford and Lyme-stone Brewery, Stone, each won three medals. Slater's also got silvers in the porter and stouts category for Smoked Porter, a 4.8 per cent brew, and in premium bitters for its 4.9 per cent Western.

There was also a bronze medal for Kinver Brewery. Its 4.5 per cent Noble was entered in the premium bitter category.

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Appeal goes out to help find lost dog



April Butler from Brownhills with a picture of a lost dog called Narla who she was helping to look after

AN appeal has been launched for the return of a dog who has been missing from Brownhills for more than two weeks. The basset hound was taken in by its owners from a rescue centre a year ago but has not been seen since October 6.

It is not known if the pet named Narla managed to escape through a gap in the fence or was taken from the address in Ogley Road. The animal belonging to Kevin and Kerry Clarke was being looked after by her mother Jean Poole when she disappeared.

Relatives are now carrying out regular searches for six year-old Narla who was believed to have been previously used for breeding before being taken into the rescue centre. They have put up missing posters near schools, pubs and on lamp posts in the area in a bid to get her safe return. They are also offering a reward of £100.

Kerry's cousin April Butler is helping to lead the hunt for her return. Anyone with information is urged to call 07432 531398 or take her to a vets.

£3m library plan set to be halted over costs

A STALLED project to build a £3 million library and children's centre in Walsall is poised to be scrapped after the council failed to raise enough cash to pay for the development.

Town hall chiefs hoped to use income from the sale of surplus land towards the costs of the Bentley Library complex. But a shortfall in the funds saw the scheme postponed.

The former library in Queen Elizabeth Avenue was closed in 2006 and has since been demolished with the service currently provided from a van four times a week.

Voluntary group the Old Hall People's Partnership has now offered to house a library facility for the area instead at its premises in Wing Close, at a set up cost of £115,000 to refurbish their building, acquire stock and equipment.

Darlaston North and Bentley ward councillor Rose Burley said: "All three councillors are disappointed that we are not going to get the state-of-the-art facility that everybody in the area had originally hoped for. However, we did insist that residents be consulted over the future of the provision."

by Deborah Hardiman

"A survey was sent to more than 4,000 households in Bentley and surrounding areas with the result that people wanted a library service, but not necessarily back in the same place."

"This plan put forward by the partnership will be the next best thing."

The council's neighbourhoods scrutiny and performance panel agreed to recommend the plan for approval, with regular reviews to be carried out. A final decision will be made by the cabinet committee on October 29.

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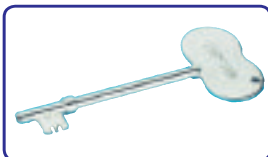
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Roadworks will mean 13-month diversions

FOUR miles of diversions will hit motorists when a main route in Darlaston is closed for more than a year during multi-million pound road improvements.

Bentley Mill Way, an arterial route for businesses in the area, near to Showcase Cinema, will be closed to drivers and pedestrians for 13 months from October 26.

The route is one of four schemes that will be improved as part of the £26m congestion-busting project that received Government approval in August. The scheme aims to cut congestion in Darlaston and Pleck, creating better links to businesses including those that will be based in the Black Country Enterprise Zone.

The closure of Bentley Mill Way will be between Darlaston Road to just north of the James Bridge Aqueduct. A diversion route will be in place but all businesses along Bentley Mill Way will remain open as normal.

Contractor Dawns Construction Ltd will widen the carriageway and install new traffic signals near to the 200-year-old aqueduct to remove the potential for head-on collisions. The level of the road beneath the structure will also be lowered to give more room for taller vehicles to pass through and reduce the risk of hitting and weakening the bridge.

Traffic signals will be installed at the new junction between Darlaston Road and Bentley Mill Way with the new junction being created by reducing access from Cemetery Road and creating a new carriageway.

A footpath will be included along the west of Bentley Road South and a cycle and footpath will be installed along the east side.

The scheme is the first of three other projects taking place in the area, including improvements to Bentley Road South and a widened junction at the Brown Lion junction. A new roundabout will be installed at the junction of Bescot Road and Wallows Lane next summer. The entire scheme is expected to be completed in February 2016.

Spooky fun at museum



Museum of Cannock Chase, where there will be half term events

A HOST of half-term events are taking place at a museum in Staffordshire later this month.

A programme of activities has been put together by staff at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Valley Road, Hednesford to keep youngsters entertained over the holidays.

Lollipop

An evacuees workshop is taking place on October 28, where staff will draw around youngsters and their templates will be displayed around the site.

Then on October 29, children can make lollipop spiders, ghosts and 3D pumpkin mobiles during the Halloween Horrors workshop.

Finally on October 30, the Spooky Spectacular session will allow youngsters to construct their own haunted house, make art straw bones and even a skeleton fridge magnet.

All drop-in workshops run from 11am until 3pm and admission is £1.50.

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£1m bus fleet joins the internet age



An interior of one of the new Sapphire buses that will be operating in Bloxwich with its leather seats

A MILLION pounds has been spent on a fleet of nine new Arriva buses which feature wi-fi internet and leather seats.

The 'Sapphire' vehicles come into use on Sunday (October 26) and are among the first in the region.

There is currently only one other Sapphire service in the Midlands between Tamworth and Birmingham.

The buses will be used on four routes through Cannock, Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Bloxwich and Walsall.

Service numbers 1, 2, 2a and 2e will get the new facilities.

They currently provide up to five buses each hour Monday to Saturday during the day, and every 60 minutes Sunday daytime and evening.

The buses include power points to charge phones and laptops, free wifi, and leather seats.

There will also be a new electronic display that announces the name of the next stop.

Buses will run from Cannock town centre through to Hatherton Road in Walsall, starting at 6.15am.

Stops include the Bridgtown depot, Station Street in Cheslyn Hay, Norton Lane in Great Wyrley and the Bull's Head in Bloxwich.

These are among 15 Sapphire services across the country and a total

of 174 buses. Alex Perry, managing director at Arriva Midlands, said: "We're delighted to be bringing the Sapphire brand to the area - we're extremely excited to be announcing the investment."

"The bus service will offer our customers a new and improved service."

"We're confident that they will be delighted with the enhancements and we hope to encourage to join us on board."

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Mr Perry added: "The free wifi on these new buses will allow people to make the most of their time while on the move, giving the opportunity to chat with friends, catch up on emails, browse the internet or do some online shopping."

"The buses even have power sockets adjacent to each seat to allow mobile phones, laptops and other devices to be charged."

"The other new feature on each bus is the audio-visual display that will announce the next bus stop to be called at as the bus moves along the route, giving reassurance to those who might be unfamiliar with the area and being a great help to the visually impaired."



One of the Sapphire buses that will run between Cannock and Walsall

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Brigadier General John Vaughan Campbell addressing troops from the Riqueval Bridge



Brigadier General John Vaughan Campbell led the victory



Troops making their way over the Riqueval Bridge during the battle

Lecturer tells how the war was won by Staffordshire Brigade

It was a key moment in the lead-up to victory in the First World War, according to the Allied Commander-in-Chief and 'the blow from which there could be no German recovery'.

And it was delivered by thousands of Staffordshire soldiers who had previously only been trusted with routine operations.

The 137 (Staffordshire) Brigade's heroics in breaking the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise, France is often overlooked. Now a military expert is attempting to redress the balance to make sure the soldiers get the recognition they deserve.

Troops needed to get across the St Quentin Canal, which at some points was 6ft deep but also had thick mud in sections that had begun to dry out.

By capturing the bridge, they could push back the German line to the point where they had no room for manoeuvre. But they were hampered by dense fog and fierce enemy attacks. Last week, Dr John Bourne,

MEMORY LANE

By Adam Burling

from Burslem held a lecture entitled 'How Staffordshire Won the First World War' at the university campus in Stafford.

He is a vice-president of the Western Front Association, a member of the British Commission for Military History and a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and he ranks the achievements of the Brigade as among the greatest in modern military history.

In the years before the First World War Staffordshire showed staunch support for the recently-created Territorial Force.

The first TF division to deploy to France, 137 Brigade suffered cruelly in the attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt on October 13, 1915, which was the worst day of the war for casualties in Staffordshire, and again at Gommecourt on July 1, 1916.

But on September 29 the Brigade broke the Hindenburg Line at Bellenglise, which

was where the German army had retreated to. Dr Bourne says it was 'one of the most spectacular feats of arms on the Western Front'.

It was described by Marshal Foch, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, as the 'blow from which there could be no German recovery'.

The Brigade had 4,000 men at full strength but the influenza pandemic had hit numbers.

Dr Bourne said: "The Hindenburg Line was not really a line at all, it was a dense position full of barbed wire, machine gun nests, drop out points and bunkers, with masses of artillery."

"The division had to cross the Riqueval Bridge at St Quentin and they had a pretty bad time of it."

"They had very little powerful artillery and there was thick fog. The vast majority of the men could not swim so they got across the water by suspending a chain across and swinging from it. But the bridge was the best way to get across, though it was being strongly defended."

A key element was the capture of the Riqueval Bridge by a group led by Captain Humphrey Charlton, a Kings Bromley vicar's son. He had joined the Veterinary Corps, was called up to join the conflict in 1915 and led an inspiring against the odds victory.

The Brigade's most famous leader was Brigadier General John Vaughan Campbell, who was later awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions during the Battle of the Somme in 1916 when he rallied his men and led them against the enemy machine-guns, capturing the guns and killing the personnel.

Aged 40 at the time, an image of him addressing thousands of troops from the Riqueval Bridge shows the sheer scale of the operation.

The Brigade prevented the German troops blowing up the bridge by bringing down the rows of men showering them in a hail of machine gun fire. It meant they could cross the bridge and push the German army even further back.



Dr John Bourne, who put together a lecture on the subject



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Students in the mix for cake success



Shivya Patel, left, and Lacey Brown with their winning cupcakes, after they took part in the baking competition INSPIRED by Nancy's windmill and Richard's desert island, students from Walsall College took part in their own Great British Bake Off.

Organised by the students' union, dozens of people entered in 'staff' and 'student' categories before a judging panel led by Deputy Principal Fazal Dad sampled each and every entry in the atrium of Wisemore Campus. The cakes were each given a mark out of 20 after being assessed for their taste, texture, flavour and appearance.

Hospitality students Lacey Brown, 27, and Shivya Patel, 25, were named winners in the student contest for their delicious vanilla and mint cupcakes. After a tiebreak in the staff competition, data officer Karen Morris was crowned champion for her 12 individual cupcakes with edible lace.

The winners got selection of prizes including gift vouchers, medals and a Paul Hollywood cookbook.

All the cakes were auctioned off, with staff and students across the college getting the chance to bid for a cake from a display which featured lemon drizzle cake, a cheesecake and decorated cake pops. Other fundraising activities took place. Money is still being counted but so far more than £400 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

£1.5m plan to expand firm 'will create jobs'

A SPARE parts supplier has unveiled ambitious £1.5 million expansion plans to help meet growing demand, under a scheme which is poised to create up to 15 jobs.

L&S Engineers, of Brownhills, recently bought a new warehouse near its current premises at Coppice Side Industrial Estate and has now lodged plans to build a two-storey building to house offices, a trade counter and retail area.

By Lisa O'Brien

Bosses at the company, which supplies plant and industrial spare parts in the UK, Ireland and Europe, said the plans had been drawn up as business had rocketed over the last few years.

Sales manager Ian Shay, said the company had almost doubled its turnover in the past five years and this year's projected turnover stands at £8.5m.

He said: "In the last four or five years we've had a growth spurt and have grown too big for our building."

"We bought the building across the road."

"It's probably four times bigger than where we are."

"We are refurbishing the warehouse, grounds and car

park. It's going to be a very smart looking building."

He said the company mostly dealt with mail orders but wanted to make the trade counter a bigger part of the business.

Mr Shay said the business, which has been running since 1971, planned to expand its product range further and up to 15 jobs would be created in the next few years if the company succeeded in getting planning permission from Walsall Council for its newest venture - boosting the current 30 strong workforce.

He said: "There will be new employment opportunities."

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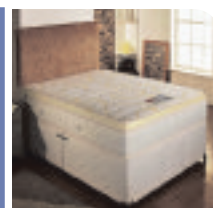
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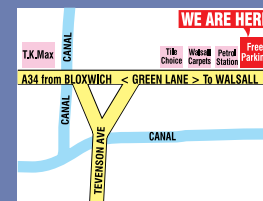
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Parachute jump from new member

Kingswinford TWG

IN spite of heavy rain, the October meeting was a cheerful occasion.

In reading out the apologies for absence, chairman Enid Fennell said the newest member was absent as she was making a parachute jump.

Later, three members received flowers by way of congratulating them on their 50th wedding anniversaries. Happy Birthday was sung to Brenda Greenaway.

The Wednesday Club will visit Touchwood in November.

The other sections also announced their plans for the next few weeks.

Tickets for the community centre Annual Draw were on sale.

Sue Wilson was thanked for her floral display. Mavis and Doreen offered to wash up.

The speaker was Graham Fardon, who presented the ladies with a romp through history entitled 'History for Dummies'.

The subjects covered included Noah, Anne Boleyn, The Battle of Hastings and the Duke of Wellington. He was thanked by Joyce Major. June Baker won the raffle.

At the November meeting, and at the Lodge, a charity box will be provided so that those who wish to make donation instead of sending Christmas cards may do so.

The next meeting will be at Kingswinford Community Centre in High Street on Monday, November 10. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

Drama group's skit celebrates birthday

Ladies find peace in visit to convent

Sedgley TWG



Sedgley Townswomen enjoy the visit to the convent

A GROUP of members from Sedgley guild had a most interesting visit to St Mary's Convent Mercy Centre in Wandsworth, Birmingham. The convent

was founded in 1841 by Catherine McCauley.

In the centre of the busy city, the members found peace and tranquillity at the beautiful building.

Walsall Central TG

CHAIRMAN Pat Jones opened October's monthly meeting, stating the formal part of the evening would be very brief as this was Walsall Central TG's 68th birthday, and was to be celebrated with a party.

A number of members had arrived early to arrange tables, which were laid with pretty tablecloths and floral posies, together with fancy cakes, sausage rolls and fruit bread.

One of the members had also baked a beautiful birthday cake, decorated in the guild's official colours, green, red and white, which looked and tasted very good.

Following refreshments, the drama group was to provide entertainment of four monologues and one sketch.

Members of the audience were seen wiping away tears caused by their laughter.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 4 in the Mellish Room, Central Hall, Ablewell Street, Walsall, at 7pm when the speaker will be David Cole on the subject of the coaching era on inn signs.

New Members are always welcome and should contact Mrs Janice Fussell, secretary on 01922 631246.

Chairman named at AGM

ON Tuesday, October 7 the club held its Annual General Meeting at the Great Barr Memorial Hall in Chapel Lane, Great Barr.

Ted Jones was elected as chairman and Geoff Barlow as vice chairman.

Walsall Men's Probuss Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.15am at the Memorial Hall and the meeting con-

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And there is another chance to experience the magic of Christmas next month at the Crafts for Christmas and Hobbycrafts at the NEC, Birmingham from November 6-9. The popular festive show offers a treasure trove of gifts and treats. From jewellery to board games, handcrafted toys to decorations, the Christmas offering is endless.

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From the north coast port of Milazzo its a one-hour crossing to the volcanic Aeolian isles passing Vulcano to the largest island Lipari. After docking in Marina Lunga, its a short transfer to Lipari Town where there is time to explore.

A visit is made to the islands capital Palermo which has been inhabited since prehistoric times and offers a glimpse of the entire history of southern Italy in one place, followed by the Benedictine monastery at Monreale, one of Sicily's greatest buildings.

The final tour takes in the medieval town of Piazza Armerina, which is set in wooded hills, and close to which the Roman villa at Casale gives a fascinating insight into imperial life. A journey is then made to Agrigento, a vast archaeological area boasting some of the best preserved Ancient Greek relics outside of Greece itself.

INFO

- Return flights
- Seven nights half-board accommodation
- Tour of Mount Etna and Taormina
- Visit to Palermo
- Tour to Piazza Armerina and Agrigento
- Explore the Aeolian islands of Lipari and Vulcano
- Excursion to Syracuse
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Pick of the week

Sea of Poppies at the Tower of London

Two days departing November 8

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- Entrance to the Tower of London
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Three days departing December 30

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 - Standard priced ticket for the evening performance of a choice of West End Shows on December 30 with coach transfer (ticket upgrades offered)
 - Services of a coach driver/tour representative
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Carols with the Stars at the Royal Albert Hall

Two days departing December 9

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Sheffield's strong leadership praised

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

ORMISTON Sheffield Community Academy in Pelsall has been praised by government visitors for its strong leadership.

The academy received very positive feedback following visits from both the Department for Education (DfE) and Ofsted this year.

A report from the DfE said: "Senior leadership under the new Principal and the newly-promoted Vice Principal is now strong."

The existing strengths in leading behaviour, attendance, pastoral care and ethos have been augmented since the inspection by an equally rigorous approach to quality assuring teaching, learning and the progress of pupils in appropriately challenging academic and vocational courses."

Accelerating

This was echoed within an Ofsted report in which inspectors said: "New leadership roles focus on the right priorities for improvement, with clear lines of accountability aimed at securing and accelerating the recent improvements in students' achievement."

The academy's students were also praised as inspectors noted that: "Pupils appreciate the fact that adults value their contributions and are rewarded when they do well."

They went on to say that: "There is an energy and enthusiasm for learning."

Meanwhile, the academy's sixth form students celebrated some great



Sixth formers sharing a lighter moment at Ormiston Sheffield Academy

successes this year. The percentage of students gaining A*-C grades at A Level improved in over 80 per cent of subjects with facilitating subjects such as Mathematics, Spanish and Biology celebrating a 100 per cent pass rate at grades A*-C.

A Level Mathematics students particularly excelled as every student gained at least a B grade. Across the vocational and A Level subjects 48 per cent of students achieved at least one grade A*-B.

Six students are also successful applicants to the prestigious Russell Group universities, which only accept students with the highest grades at A

Level. GCSE also performed well with progress rising significantly in Mathematics, Science and Modern Foreign Languages.

Improvements have been celebrated in over 70 per cent of subject areas.

● To apply for a place for your child at Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy, please complete the academy application form which you can find at www.scacademy.co.uk as well as completing the LA admissions form by October 31. The sixth form open evening takes place on Wednesday November 26.

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Some 19th-century works suggest that at one time Bloxwich was a settlement in the ancient manor of Wednesbury. There is no conclusive evidence for this and Bloxwich has since at least medieval times been associated with the manor and town of Walsall (which for reasons unknown does not appear in the Domesday Book of 1086). Bloxwich itself is however mentioned in this book under the name 'Blockeswich'.

Traditionally there has been a strong rivalry between Bloxwich and Walsall with origins as early as the English Civil War, when Walsall was Parliamentary in sympathy and Bloxwich, centre of the Foreign of Walsall, was Royalist. This situation was exacerbated by disputes over local taxation for the poor rate in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Being part of the Black Country, Bloxwich grew rapidly in the 18th century around

coal mining, iron smelting and various manufacturing industries, as part of the Industrial Revolution. Manufacturing in the area consisted of bridle bits, stirrups, keys, cabinet locks, plan irons, buckle tongues, chains and saddles. Its most famous product of manufacture were awl blades, which it is reputed to have surpassed all other places in the United Kingdom in manufacturing. In the early 19th century, Bloxwich was still a village. Most of its inhabitants were employed in the newly founded mining and forging industries, as well as light metal working. It is also known for its canals.

Bloxwich was heavily developed between the wars for council housing. Most were constructed around Blakenall Heath, as well as Harden and Goscote. In the 20 years which followed the Second World War, the Lower Farm, Beechdale and Mossley estates were also erected as council housing developments, while the southern side of Harden was developed along with the Rivers Estate at Blakenall Heath. Many privately owned houses, mostly in the Little Bloxwich area, were also constructed. In the 1990s and 2000s, many new housing developments have sprung up both in Bloxwich and at Blakenall Heath.



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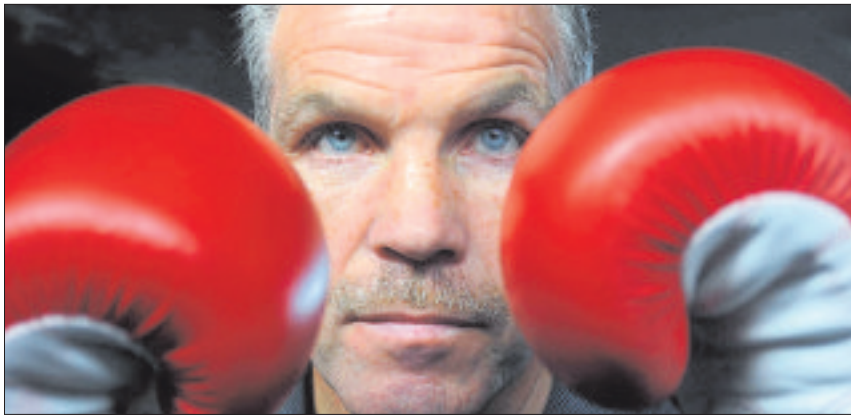
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'Tilly' dons the gloves for charity fight



Ex-boxing champion Peter Till is coming out of retirement for a charity bout at Bloxwich Memorial Club

HE competed in more than 50 professional fights and now Peter Till is gearing up to get back in the ring in the name of charity at an event in his home town. The 51-year-old will box again at Bloxwich Memorial Club – more than 35 years after his first amateur fight came at the same venue. He was just 14 when he stepped through the ropes for the first time in 1977, representing the now-defunct Bloxwich Boxing Club. The former Midlands lightweight champion went on to compete 52 times as a professional, retiring

in 1996. Now 'Tilly' is back in the ring to raise funds for a terminally-ill mother-of-two who wants to take her children on a holiday of a lifetime to Disney Land.

Theresa Jackson, 35, was diagnosed with breast cancer at 29 but was given the all-clear six months ago, only for the disease to return in her stomach.

For tickets to Friday's show, which has a full under-card, call 07772 556 184.

Level crossing to close

A LEVEL crossing will close at the end of next year as part of the multi-million pound electrification of the Chase Line.

Moves to shut off the Reeves Street barrier crossing, which links Bloxwich town centre and the surrounding industrial estates is expected to begin at the end of 2015.

Network Rail want to remove the crossing as part of the £30m electrification of the rail line between Rugeley

and Walsall. A footbridge for walkers and cyclists is expected to be created.

It means the rail line speed will increase from 45mph to at least 75mph and will allow an increased number of trains to use the route.

To allow the trains to travel faster, and not be slowed down by a level crossing, the barrier is earmarked for removal.

A statement from Network Rail said: "Work at Bloxwich level crossing is not due to start until the end of 2015, to be completed by summer 2016. We will

continue to communicate with residents and local businesses as our work to improve the railway in the Walsall area progresses."

It is expected the Central Drive bridge will be strengthened to cope with extra traffic.

The track between Rugeley and Walsall will have to be lowered as part of the electrification project, leading to disruption for commuters. The work needs to be carried out to enable room for overhead power lines to be installed.

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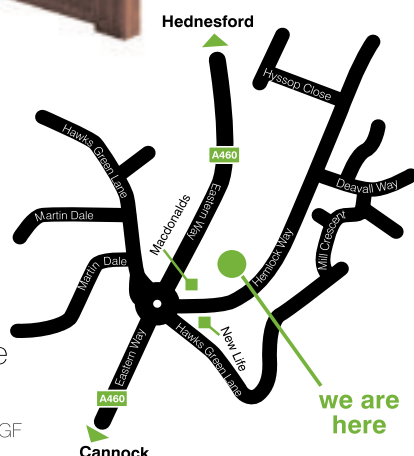
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Sweet taste for Milly as cake shop opens



Owner Milly Humphris in her new cake, sweet and coffee shop Cakes-A-Daisy in Cheslyn Hay

AFTER two years of baking from the garage of her parent's home, a young businesswoman has opened her first shop.

At just 21, entrepreneur Milly Humphris is behind Cakes-A-Daisy in High Street, Cheslyn Hay.

The former Great Wyrley High School pupil started making sweet treats when she was just 16 and after learning the tricks of the trade she has set up her own business.

The baker started making cupcakes to raise funds for a charity trip to South Africa in 2010.

She said: "I went for two weeks to help charities who support people with Aids. In order to raise the money for the trip we baked lots of cakes to sell at coffee mornings and that is where my passion for baking started."

Once back home Milly worked in a cake shop for two years before setting up on her own. She said: "I really wanted to work for myself so I took on another job to fund my own cake business and I was able to start baking full time at the end of last year."

Her supportive parents transformed the garage at the family home into a kitchen for Milly. She said: "I wasn't looking for a shop but when the opportunity came along in July I knew it was the right time."

Building on housing project set to begin

PLANS to build 412 homes in Walsall have been given the go ahead and work will begin next month.

Derelict land in Blakenall will be transformed as part of a £50 million pound development by The Walsall Housing Group scheme and will bring 177 affordable homes and 235 private homes to the area.

The Goscoe Lane regeneration development will be built on land off Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road and Chaucer Road after councillors approved the final design plans at a committee meeting on Thursday.

The four-year project is the most significant development the housing group has undertaken but it has received objections from the Canal and River Trust who raised concerns over the impact the new build will have on the Wyrley and Essington Canal.

Bloxwich East councillor Julie Fitzpatrick raised concerns voiced by the Friends of The Lea group about the size of a balancing pool. She said: "The main concern of the development is the size of the infiltration pool which will be outside of the planning application. There are concerns about who will maintain this."

She added: "The homes are needed in the area as part of the regeneration. We just need to make sure we get the best for the people who live there already and the best for the new community in the future."

Bentley and Darlaston North councillor Angela Underhill said: "It is great that these plans will include both private and rented properties."

Keepmoat is the developer behind the 235 private homes. Partnerships manager Martyn Johnson, said: "This is an exciting development."

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Rising from the ashes in tribute to loved ones

FORGET about keeping loved ones ashes in an old fashioned urn on the mantelpiece.

Far more unusual ways of remembering a late family member are being introduced at a funeral directors in the Black Country.

Ashes are being added to oil paintings, certified diamonds, necklaces and tattoos at Co-operative Memorials in Walsall.

Remains of loved ones are even being added to fireworks to make sure they go off with a real bang.

Shayne Taylor, head of masonry services at Co-operative Memorials, said demand was growing for more unusual ways of remembering a loved one when they pass on.

He said: "We arrange between 7,000 and 8,000 funerals each year. Life-styles have changed. Years ago people lived within a mile of cemeteries where their loved ones were buried so they could visit the graves."

"People are choosing these more unusual ways of remembering family members so they can keep them close to them at all times. It's a little bit different really."

Mr Taylor said the most popular way of storing ashes was still in a decorative urn – the more old fashioned method – followed by locking someone's ashes in a piece of jewellery.

"People want to keep memorials at home which is why they go for the decorative urns. But jewellery is second most popular. It's a very discreet way of remembering someone and people can keep their loved ones with them at all times."

"There is definite growing demand for this. Then there's the fireworks. That is something we are seeing people ask for. It costs about £300 and ashes can be put into four fireworks or one large one. Scattering ashes by



Andrea Harvey-Hall and headstone



Andrea with another urn design



Andrea with modern designed urns



Jewellery made to hold ashes

fireworks is one of the more unusual options. We've also spoken to memorial tattoo artists who can add ashes to inks they use to create a tattoo."

And if art is something that floats someone's boat, or did, then ashes can also be added to paint which then is used to create a masterpiece that could

be put up on the wall. Midcounties Co-operative, which runs Co-operative Memorials, has 80 branches across the Midlands and the unique methods of remembering a loved one are displayed at the Memorial Masonry Centre in Bloxwich Road, Walsall alongside the more traditional stone headstones.

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The stag with his headgear

WITH rubbish tangled over its antlers, this stag was spotted near a Staffordshire tip. The picture was snapped by grandfather-of-one Jim Gear, of Pelsall, who believes the animal may have picked up the rubbish from Cannock tip.

The 77-year-old, who has been a member of Wolverhampton Photographic Society for more than three years, spotted the stag as he was driving from his home in Primrose Close, to Cannock along the A460 Eastern Way.

The retired company director said: "It was about 6pm or 7pm in the evening. I saw several deer but the one that caught my eye was the one with rubbish over its horns.

"It looked like it was covered in bits of rope, string and carpet. I've never seen anything like it before but I thought it might have something to do with the rutting season."

Countryside ranger Robert Taylor said it was not uncommon for this to happen during the rutting season, when stags start fighting each other as they pursue the females.

FOCUS ON PELSALL

Couple born on the same day celebrate turning 90

THEY were born on the same day, spent their childhood together and got engaged on their 23rd birthdays.

Now, after more than 66 years of marriage, Joe and Peg Miller celebrated their 90th birthday surrounded by around 35 of their close family and friends at their home in Pelsall.

The couple were both born in the village on October 13, 1924 and found themselves in the same class at Pelsall Junior School.

Mr Miller spent five years in the RAF and served during the Second World War before returning home in 1947. Romance blossomed when he returned and the couple were engaged on their 23rd birthday, shortly after getting together.

The pair, who never had children, were married at the Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels, in Pelsall, in March 1948.

Mrs Miller said: "We've always enjoyed doing everything together. He's been my right hand."

Mrs Miller had to have quadruple bypass heart surgery at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton seven years ago after developing heart problems. She added: "He looked after me so well. We were in the same class at school and my brother and Joe used to pal up together.

By Lisa O'Brien

"We got engaged on our 23rd birthday after he asked me. We had little party. He didn't live far from me.

"Now, we've been married 66 years.

"We've always celebrated our birthdays in quieter ways but this one has been special with us turning 90.

"All my nieces and nephews have been here. We've been having a lovely time."

During their working lives, Mr Miller spent 27 years as a welder with Bloxwich Engineering while his wife worked for Howard Butler in Walsall for more than 30 years as an instrument tester.

Mr Miller, who is just two-and-a-half hours older than his wife, said the couple had enjoyed having double birthday celebrations over the years. He added: "It's convenient because we can't forget each other's birthdays."



Pelsall husband and wife, Peg and Joe Miller celebrate their 90th birthdays with friends and family

Choir raises hundreds for Amber

A CHOIR in Walsall has raised hundreds of pounds to help a five-year-old girl undergo a life-changing operation in America.

Pelsall Ladies Choir raised £350 during a charity concert with help from Pelsall Village School Choir. They have presented a cheque to Pelsall youngster Amber Porterfield who has spastic diplegic cerebral palsy and has to use a walking frame and a wheelchair.

Amber's family launched an appeal to raise £60,000 for her to be treated at the Cerebral Palsy Centre in the St Louis Children's Hospital, Missouri, next July.

Pelsall Ladies Choir will be performing at Pelsall Methodist Chapel on December 8 and on December 13 the choir will sing at Walsall Saddlers Centre in aid of the Heart Link charity.

Ruddock to boost Villa

FORMER footballer Neil Ruddock will appear at an event to raise funds for Pelsall Villa after the club battled back from the brink of closure.

The club looked set to shut when a small group of volunteers were struggling to run it and make ends meet. However, a new manager has since been recruited, and fundraising events have been held.

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Karate kids bring back medal haul



Amber Bannister, aged 14 and Lewis Bradbury, 15, who are students at Walsall Karate Dojo

TWO teenagers proved to be among the best in Europe at an international karate championships in Denmark.

Amber Bannister, aged 14, and Lewis Bradbury, 15, who are students at Walsall Karate Dojo, brought home a hoard of medals from the Japan Karate Shoto Federation European Championships in Copenhagen. The event attracted more than 300 international competitors from 17 countries.

Amber, of Bloxwich, came away with a gold medal in kata and a silver medal in kumite, which is sparing, in the female cadet 14 to 15-year-old category. Lewis, of Tamebridge, won bronze in kata and a bronze in kumite in the male cadet 14 to 15-year-old category.

Both were part of a team of 18 representing England. They were both fully funded by the JKS England federation. Amber has previously won three international bronze medals, including one from the WKF Swedish Open in March. They train at Walsall Karate Dojo, Stafford Street.

Head Instructor at the dojo, Steve Carless said: "It was a great achievement from both of them as they were up against tough competition. To win medals in both kata and kumite shows true all-round ability as karateka."

Unsuitable homes for care leavers says report

MANY young people leaving care are being placed in shabby accommodation in 'undesirable' locations, with some living in a notorious red-light district, it has emerged.

Mice, broken toilets, torn carpets and holes in the walls were among the concerns raised by councillors in Walsall looking into the issue.

Their findings feature in a frank report by the council's children's services committee which is seeking to improve the lot of the borough's care leavers.

In recent weeks around 50 young people have been moved out of accommodation deemed unsuitable and the contracts with the providers ended. One, who was living among prostitutes in the Caldmore district, said she felt 'vulnerable'.

Committee members met several care leavers and also visited them in their homes to see the issues they face day to day. Lead member, Councillor Edward Hughes, said: "It was eye opening."

Their investigation has been praised for its thoroughness and for seeking the views of the care leavers themselves. The insight they provided was 'incredibly

By Marion Brennan

bly powerful', said Councillor Hughes.

A roll call in June revealed the council was supporting 239 care leavers between the ages of 16 - 25. Of these, 80 were 16 to 18, and 159 were aged 18 or over.

The working group felt that the minimum age for youngsters to leave care should be raised to 18.

On the plus side, the group found that the workforce was much more stable than in previous years which allowed staff to build up good working relationships within their teams.

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City will feel sting of sharp Steel

EXPECT jibes at Wolverhampton's expense when sharp-witted Mark Steel's Back in Town, recreating his radio show which bases his material on the town he is visiting. You can find out if Mark has done his research well when he appears at the Wulfrun Hall tonight (Thursday).

Also tonight, poet and satirist John Cooper Clarke is at Birmingham Town Hall. On Sunday Jamaican comedy legend Oliver Samuels is in play Dollyhouse at the New Alexandra Theatre and Jon Richardson's Noddy show is at Birmingham Hippodrome. On Friday, October 31, it's between Noel Fielding's surreal ramblings at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Ross Noble's Tangentman at the New Alex.

From a big truck to songs as the Big O

A SINGER from Halesowen has become one of the top tribute acts to rock and roll legend Roy Orbison.

Barry Steele first found his talent for emulating 'the Big O' on a holiday in Cornwall 13 years ago when his family entered him in a singing competition. A fellow competitor said that his version of Robbie Williams hit Angels sounded like it was being sung by the late American hitmaker Roy Orbison.

That comment led to a new career for the former truck driver who now tours in show Roy Orbison and Friends. He is at the Wulfrun Hall on October 31 and at the New Alexandra Theatre on November 29.

Peter swings back into action for his Symphony Hall concert

Head for hoedown with Hall

GRUMPY American comedian Rich Hall is bringing his musical mates for a hoedown mash-up of music and comedy in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Deadpan Hall was an inspiration for Matt Groening when creating bartender character Moe Szyslak in The Simpsons and is a familiar face on British TV. He has performed at comedy clubs across the world and is known in the United States for appearing and writing on The David Letterman Show.

In the UK he has appeared on Have I Got News For You, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and QI, as well as his own TV documentaries How the West Was Lost, Rich Hall's Cattle Drive, Rich Hall's Election Special and Rich Hall's Fishing Show.

Rich Hall's Hoedown comes to the Wulfrun Hall on Thursday, October 30, and Birmingham Glee Club on Monday, November 3.



Long train coming — grouchy comic and musician Rich Hall is West Midlands bound

TV celebrity and singer Peter Andre has launched his first UK tour for two years, after releasing his swing album Big Night.

He returns to Birmingham for a concert at the Symphony Hall on Saturday where he promises to combine elements from big band swing and soul.

He will not be neglecting the song that brought him fame, Mysterious Girl will be performed alongside songs from his previous albums Revelation and Accelerate. Let's just hope he can include Insania too!

The 41-year-old Anglo/Aussie/Cypriot entertainer, who is currently planning his marriage to 23-year-old trainee doctor Emily MacDonagh after the birth of their daughter Amelia, is now as famous for his reality TV show as his music. He also presents 60 Minute Makeover on ITV and has added a new string to his bow by designing fragrances.

Tonight (Thursday) legendary Stax and Blues Brothers guitarist Steve Cropper is at the Robin 2 in Bilston. Tomorrow singer-songwriter Dave Giles is at the O2 Academy in Birmingham, whilst nearby Digbeth's The Institute hosts two plum gigs in its rooms with New Jersey's Real Estate performing songs from their excellent Atlas album and St Vincent (alias American singer-songwriter Annie Clark) performing her quirky pop. Acclaimed singer-song-



Big Night — Peter Andre

writer Joan Armatrading brings Love & Affection to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Sunday, same night Irish folk duo Leo & Anto play the city's Slade Rooms.

One of the biggest new stars of 2014 Sam Smith has a sold out gig at the O2 Academy on Monday, as Jungle play The Institute.

Singer and soap star Heather Peace is at Birmingham Town Hall on Tuesday and Yorkshire singer John Newman, who updated Northern Soul with Love Me Again, is at Wolverhampton Civic on Wednesday.

Grand time to be a country music fan

IT'S a grand time for country fans. The Grand Union Songwriters' showcase features three acts with Texan rising star SaraBeth on a bill which also features Essex-born Nashville-based Glen Mitchell and blues influenced Lancashire lass Jess Roberts. It is being held at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Tuesday. British country veteran Charlie Landsborough is at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Wednesday.

Next month Push For The Stride sisters Catherine and Lizzy Ward Thomas are in a double bill with The Shires at Birmingham Glee Club on November 4. More singing siblings, from a famous Birmingham family, The Cadbury Sisters bring harmonies to the Glee tonight.

Folk harmony and dust bowl ballads

IF you want to hear some heavenly harmonies then don't miss The Staves on Sunday when they play The Institute's Temple venue, Birmingham. The trio have a new EP out called Blood I Bled. The show starts at 7pm.

Liverpudlian singer, activist and Woody Guthrie fanatic Alun Parry will be playing Unicorn Folk Club in the function room of The Bradford Arms, Ivetsy Bank, Wheaton Aston, tomorrow (Friday). The show starts at 8.30pm and tickets are £4.

The Old Dance School will be bringing their sound to Red Lion Folk Club, King's Heath, Birmingham on Wednesday at

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9.00 (GMT) Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day (R). **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bang Hunt. (R) **2.15** Holiday of My Life. **3.00** The Big Bang Theory. **3.30** Talk to the Animals. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.55** Life Story. (R) **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Countryside. Northumberland is the location as Matt Baker discovers that Hadrian's Wall is a stronghold of one of the UK's rarest plants and finds out how a world-famous discovery at the wall just 50 years ago has told people most of what they know about Roman armour. Ellie Hulse joins and astronomers enjoying the best dark skies in England and finds out about the different ways to photograph stars. Adam Henson is in the market for a rare bred Portland ram, former farmer and tractor racer Grant Brady looks at the British beef industry, and Tom Heap investigates the impact that falling milk prices are having on British dairy farmers.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Culture Club perform one of their greatest hits.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team returns to Chienes Manor near Amersham in Buckinghamshire, which includes a 19th-century train set, a collection of pocket watches and an ornate plant stand.

9.00 Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered. Dallas Campbell reveals new scientific research aimed at getting to the truth about the boy pharaoh's death at just 19, his DNA and the forensic CT scan of his mummified body.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester United v Chelsea, Burnley v Everton and Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United.

11.40 The Apprentice. (R)

12.40 Film: Deceived. (R) Thriller, with George Clooney. **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead.

9.00 (GMT) Great British Garden Review. (R) **7.00** Countryfile: Autumn Special. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. **11.50** Sweet Baby James. (R) **12.30** Exploring the World. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang. (R) **1.20** Film: War and Peace. (1956) Historical drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **4.40** Escape to the Continent. **5.10** Flag It! (R) **6.00** **Inside the Animal Mind.** Chris Packham continues his exploration of the minds of the cleverest animals on the planet by exposing the pre-programmed, problem-solving abilities of crows. (R)

7.00 **Human Universe.** Is mankind alone, or are there aliens out there, either waiting to be discovered, or on their way to find Earth? Professor Brian Cox spends this episode asking such questions, and what the discoveries may raise a few eyebrows. He begins by exploring the human race's efforts to find neighbours in outer space, including the launch of two golden discs containing a greeting from Earth in which they are asked to contact and are now the most distant man-made objects from the planet. Brian also meets members of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, who have been monitoring radio signals for 50 years without success. He also discovers the ingredients needed to make an intelligent civilisation with astrophysicist Dr Frank Drake. (R)

8.00 **Wonders of the Monsoon.** Documentary examining the plants and animals that thrive in monsoon areas, such as the black crested macaque, the blue bird of paradise, the birds of Indonesia, and the Rajah Brooke's pitcher in Borneo.

9.00 **Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar?** First of a two-part documentary telling the story of the conflict in Afghanistan, beginning with how initial military action led to near catastrophe shortly after the troops arrived.

10.00 **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on TV, online or in print. (R)

10.30 **The Fall.** (R)

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(R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.20** Signed
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(R) **7.30** The Sports Illustrated Stars.
(R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15**
Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00**
The Aquabats' Super Show! (R) **9.25**
Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.15** Murder.
She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News.
Weather. (R) **11.45** Larry On Cleo.
(R) **1.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R)
1.50 The Unforgettable Yootha Joyce.
(R) **2.20** The X Factor. (R) **4.30** Downton
Abbey. (R) **5.35** Tipping Point: Lucky
Stars. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.45 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 **Keep It in the Family.** New series.
Bradley Walsh hosts a game show in
which families are asked to head
in a series of fun-filled rounds to win
big prizes with the help of
celebrities.

8.00 **The X Factor Results.** The tension
in the studio is palpable as the
contestants learn their fate.

9.00 **Downton Abbey.** Following the
abrupt death, the relationship between
Robert and Cora are strained
while Blake's scheming starts to
come to fruition when Mary is
unexpectedly pitted against her
love rival. Edith decides to take
drastic measures after receiving
news of her fiancé's death. The
parties reel. Baxter is embroiled in
the investigation into Green's
death following a mysterious tip-
off, and as Thomas's health
deteriorates, he finally reveals the
truth to the maid. Elizabeth's love
is in the air for more than one
member of the Crawley family.

10.05 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 **Harry's South Pole Heroes.** Part
one of two. Prince Harry joins four
injured British soldiers on a 125-
mile expedition in the Antarctic as
part of the Walking with the
Wounded South Pole Allied
Challenge 2013. (R)

11.15 **Piers Morgan's Lie Stories: Roger
Moore.** The former Bond star
recalls the highs and lows of his
acting career and personal life. (R)

12.15 **The Store.** Home shopping. **2.30**
Motorsport UK. **3.20** British Superbike
Championship Highlights. **4.35** ITV
Nightline. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle
Show. (R)

7.30 (GMT) How I Met Your Mother, (R) 7.25
7.00 *How I Met Your Mother*, (R) **7.25**
Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 7.55
Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.30
Frasier, (R) 9.00 Frasier, (R) 9.30
2009 Sunday Brunch, 1.00 *American Football*
Life: A Journey of a Thousand Years (Kick-off 1.30pm), 5.00 *The Simpsons*,
(R) 5.30 Channel 4 News, 5.55 Film:
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, (2010) Fantasy
adventure, with George Henley and
Skandar Keynes.

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin. New
series. The motorcycle racer takes
part in four more speed-based
challenges and gets his hands
dirty in unique engineering
projects to discover what makes
things go fast. In the first
programme, he finds out
how it's possible to travel
on a bicycle during 24 hours of
non-stop pedalling. With the
help of bike experts Miles
Kingsbury and Mike Burrows
he builds a tandem, and pairs up
with a friend, and a former expe-
rienced Jason Miles, to see how far
they can push their bodies. In the build-
up to the final record attempt at
the historic Goodwood Motor
Circuit, Guy also learns about the
science of cooking for athletes
and the motivationalist Tim Lyle,
who instructs him to lose five kilos
and recommends a new diet
regime.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie makes a
disruptive alliance with her
counterpart at Pakistan's secretive
intelligence agency, and
intervenes when Fara falls to
recruit a key asset. Elsewhere,
Quinn is still reeling from events in
Islamabad, and zeroes in on a
potential lead.

10.05 Film: Four Lions. (2010) Four
British Muslims form an
important terrorist cell and
hatch a scheme to attack the
London marathon. Chris Morris'
satirical comedy, starring Riz
Ahmed and Kayvan Novak.

12.10 *American Football Live.* New
Orleans Saints v Green Bay Packers
(Kick-off 12.30am). Net Combs is
joined by a new pundit. Extensive
coverage of the clash at the Mercedes-
Benz Superdome. **3.45** *The Grid*, (R)
4.10 *Location, Location, Location.*
Kirstie and Phil revisit their oldest-ever
house hunters. **5.05** *Win It Cook It*.
(R) 5.30 *Correspondents*. (R).
Corner sport Dave Myers, (R).

10.00 (G.M.T) Milkshake! (G.M.T) Pempa (G.M.T) 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Seaside Antics. 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.45 Chloë's Closet. (R) 7.00 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.05 Only the Little White Van. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pajamas. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Wand and the Alien. 8.40 Zack and Quack. 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.05 Jamn. (R) 9.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.00 Great South Run. 12.00 World's Scariest Plane Landings. 12.45 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. (2011) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. 2.25 Film: The Hot Chick. (2006) Comedy starring Jerry O'Connell. 4.10 Film: The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin.

6.20 Film: Speed Racer. (2008) Premiere. A teenager dreams of following in his dead brother's footsteps and being a champion race driver. As he grows up, he becomes increasingly successful on the track, he discovers the sport is being manipulated by corrupt corporations. Joining forces with a mysterious former rival, he vows to win the fat cash prize and outwit the schemes to end. Action adventure from the creators of The Matrix, starring Emilie Hirsch.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Angels & Demons. (2009) Academic adventurer Robert Langdon is called in by the Vatican to deal with a crisis: the Pope has been kidnapped. The four cardinal in line to be his successor have all been abducted by a mysterious sect that is threatening to murder them. As he searches for the kidnapped clerics, Langdon uncovers the cult's plans, even more horrific plan in mind. Thriller with Tom Hanks.

11.45 The Da Vinci Code: The True Story. Exploring the claims made in Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, including an intimate relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, the code is the resting place of the Holy Grail. (R)

12.40 Campus DP. Documentary series following police who patrol college towns in America. (R) 1.05 SuperCasino.

3.10 The Gadget Show. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.20 The Gadget Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.

8BC (GMT) Great Movie Mistakes **8.00**
Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide 8.15
Doctor Who: 9.00 Come Fly with Me **10.00**
Family Guy 10.45 Bad Education: The
 Finale **11.15** The Revolution Will Be
 Televised **11.45** American Dad! **12.30**
Comedy Fest 11.45 **13.00** Bad
 Education: The Finale **2.30** The Revolution
 Will Be Televised **2.30** Come Fly with Me
3.30 Bad Education: The Finale **4.00** Close
8BC Four
1.00 (GMT) Under Milk Wood **8.00** Rome:
 A History of the Eternal City **9.00** Storyville:
 112 Weddings **10.00** Foo Fighters: Sonic
 Highways **12.00** The Joy of Abba **1.00**
 Abba at the BBC **2.00** Agnetha: Abba &
 After **3.00** The Joy of Abba
ITV2
11.05 The X Factor **1.20** The X Factor
2.20 The Vamps: The Desk **2.30** You've
 Been Framed **3.05** Film: Jurassic
 Park (1993) **5.40** Film: Back to the
 Future Part III (1990) **8.40** Scorpion **9.00**
 The X Factor **10.00** Tricked **11.10**
 The X Factor: House of Wax (2005) **1.15** Dads
 2 **1.05** Face Reaction **2.45** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.55 Inspector Morse **2.00** Rosemary
 & Thyme **3.35** Film: The Secret of My
 Success (1987) **5.20** Film: Columbo:
 Lively but Lethal (1973) **6.55** Lewis **9.00**
 It'll Be About the Night's Best of the
 3.05 **10.00** Film: Parenthood (1989)
11.20 William and Kate **12.05** Judge Judy
3.05 ITV3 **11.55** Greenscreen **3.40** Emeraldale
ITV4
11.45 As X Men **12.45** Europe: European
 Championship Live. Day three from
 Muelheim, Germany. **5.00** World of
 Sports TV Firsts **5.10** Tim Vine's Punslinger
6.45 Dads: European Championship
 Live. Day three from Muelheim, Germany.
7.00 The Power of Dads **12.05** Film:
 Quadrophania (1979) **2.30** Cheers **2.55**
ITV4 **11.55** Night's Best Teleshopping
E4
12.25 Made in Chelsea **1.30** How I Met
 Your Mother **2.00** Film: The Grinch
 (2000) **4.05** Melissa & Joey **5.55** How I
 Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang
 Theory **9.30** The Inbetweeners **10.30**
11.15 Beverly Hills Cop III (1984) **1.35**
 Rude Tube: Viral Ads **12.35** Joe &
 Rude's of Engagement **2.35** Rude Tube:
 Viral Ads **3.30** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 (GMT) Card Commando (1940) **1.00**
 Hocus Pocus (1993) **2.55** Tooth Fairy
 (2010) **5.00** Dragonball Evolution (2009)
6.40 Hugo (2011) **9.00** Double Jeopardy
 (1917) **11.30** Beverly Hills Cop III (1984)
1.15 This Boy's Life (1993) **3.40** Chase

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MONDAY
Amityville II: The Possession, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A dysfunctional family moves into the infamous Long Island property, where the teenage son falls under the influence of sinister forces. Horror prequel, with Burt Young, Jack Wagner and James Olson. (1982)

TUESDAY
The Mothman Prophecies, BBC1, 11.55pm
A bereaved journalist gets inexplicably lost on his way to Virginia, and ends up in a rural backwater where the residents are reporting paranormal encounters and sightings of strange lights. He investigates further and is startled to uncover sightings of a huge moth-like creature. Supernatural thriller, with Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Will Patton and Debra Messing. (2002)

WEDNESDAY
Scary Movie 4, BBC1, 12.05am
Dim-witted Cindy Campbell gets a job as the caretaker of a haunted house, where she comes into contact with the ghost of a little Japanese boy. He tells her he knows a secret way to rid the Earth of invading aliens – but then he unfortunately vanishes before passing it on to her. Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris. (2006)



Poltergeist, Friday, Channel 5, 11.55pm

THURSDAY
Sacrifices of the Heart, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A Los Angeles lawyer returns to the family home when she learns her estranged father has started to show signs of Alzheimer's disease. Drama, starring Melissa Gilbert, Ken Howard and Lisa Pelikan. (2007)

FRIDAY
Paranormal Activity, ITV, 11.10pm
A couple move into a new house, only to be disturbed by unexplained supernatural phenomena. They become convinced the property is haunted and set out to capture evidence of their ghostly encounters on film. Horror, with Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat. (2007)

Poltergeist, Channel 5, 11.55pm
A family experiences strange events after invisible phantoms invade its home. At first the ghosts seem harmless, simply making things move by themselves. But before long, they spirit away the five-year-old daughter to their own plane of existence, forcing her parents to call on paranormal researchers to find their missing child. Horror, with JoBeth Williams, Craig T Nelson and Heather O'Rourke. (1982)

Secrets and lies from the past come to light

How do you like your dramas? Straight down the line, or with a twist or two? Maybe with an offbeat or supernatural element, and perhaps a few stars thrown in for good measure? If you're nodding your head in answer of any or all of those questions, then Intruders, a new, eight-part series made by BBC America, could be for you.

Taking the lead is John Simm, and any new programme featuring him is always worth a look.

But when you hear he's appearing in something that has already gone down a storm in the US, it becomes a must-see.

The only problem is, if it becomes as big a hit as it seems set to do, Intruders may take Simm away from our own shores for some time, because he will suddenly become a man in demand Stateside.

So brace yourself for that happening – and for the big hole in British drama that Simm will leave if he does depart.

Intruders is a paranormal drama based on a novel by acclaimed English author Michael Marshall Smith, who claims he was inspired to

write it by the notion that we can, at times, seem like more than one person.

It has an excellent pedigree in other respects too – the script has been written by Glen Morgan, who is also the executive producer; genre fans will be familiar with him via his work on The X Files.

What's more, several episodes have been directed by Eduardo Sanchez, who first found fame via his work on low-budget smash-hit horror movie The Blair Witch Project in 1999.

The rest have been helmed by Daniel Stamm, whose previous work includes the films 13 Sins and The Last Exorcism.

Intruders made its debut in the US in August, and when it was broadcast alongside the first episode of Peter Capaldi's stint in Doctor Who, helped land the station its biggest-ever Saturday night ratings.

Kim Shillinglaw, Controller of BBC Two, says: "Drama on BBC Two continues to be a stand-out success and we have plenty more to look forward to this year, from the return of hit series Peaky Blinders and The Fall,

to this striking new thriller. "With a world renowned cast and an impressive creative team, this chilling and contemporary drama will keep viewers on the edge of their seats this autumn."

The plot focuses on a shadowy organisation dedicated to chasing immortality by inhabiting other people's bodies.

Simm stars as ex-LA cop Jack Whelan, who becomes suspicious of the group's activities after his wife Amy disappears.

Whelan becomes obsessed with tracking Amy down, using the skills he learnt as a cop to follow her trail. But as he becomes increasingly consumed by his quest, he begins to question whether he really knew her at all...

Oscar-winning actress Mira Sorvino also stars, alongside James Frain, Millie Brown and Tony Kittles.

"Intruders is a truly unsettling drama – eerie, intriguing, complex and compelling," says Sue Deeks, head of BBC programme acquisition.

We can't wait to see for ourselves.



John Simm and Mira Sorvino star in Intruders, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence Channel 5, 8pm

New series. Investigating the evidence that supports some of the world's most notorious conspiracy theories. Though she officially committed suicide, some people have long claimed that the FBI, the Mafia and even the Kennedy family may have been involved in Marilyn Monroe's death. This programme looks at some of these claims, and also reveals the contents of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house on the fateful day of August 5, 1962, which suggest her psychiatrist may have been responsible for her death.

Baby P: The Untold Story BBC1, 8.30pm

In November 2008, the story of the death of a 17-month-old toddler horrified the nation. Then known only as Baby P, he had been subjected to a prolonged period of abuse and neglect. But perhaps the most shocking part of the story involved the authorities whose job it was to protect Baby P, later named as Peter Connelly. It was revealed that he and his family were visited more than 60 times by various agencies, and yet his suffering continued. This documentary examines the story in detail, and speaks to some of those connected with the case and its aftermath.

TUESDAY
The Missing BBC1, 9pm

A strong cast and a premise that plays on every parent's nightmare should make this new drama series unmissable. James Nesbitt and Frances O'Connor star as Tony and Emily Hughes, whose five-year-old son Oliver goes missing during a family holiday in France in 2006. The strain takes it toll on their marriage, but Tony refuses to give up hope that his son will be found alive, so when a new shred of evidence emerges, eight years on from Oliver's disappearance, the father returns to France.

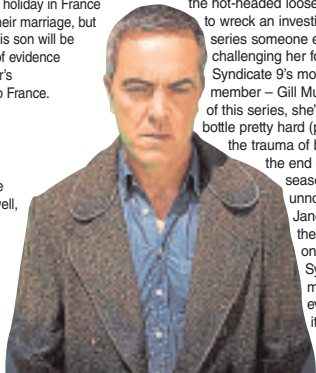
WEDNESDAY
The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm

It's safe to say the recent 'wearable technology' task didn't go all that well, as the girls came up with a jacket with solar-powered shoulder pads, while the boys designed a jumper with an inbuilt camera that Daniel Lassman pitched to a retailer by admitting he probably wouldn't wear it in public. However, this week, the would-be entrepreneurs are getting a second chance to prove that they are savvy when it

comes to 21st-century technology, as Alan Sugar challenges them to create their own online video channels to go live on YouTube.

Scott & Bailey ITV, 9pm

We always thought Rachel was supposed to be the hot-headed loose cannon most likely to wreck an investigation, but in this series someone else has been challenging her for the title of Syndicate 9's most irresponsible member – Gill Murray. Over the course of this series, she's been hitting the bottle pretty hard (probably do deal with the trauma of being kidnapped at the end of the previous season), and it's not gone unnoticed by Rachel and Janet. However, following the discovery of slaves on the Pritchard farm, Syndicate 9 is under more scrutiny than ever – which means it's a particularly disastrous time for the boss to come in reeking of booze.



The Missing, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Life Story BBC1, 9pm

Sir David Attenborough's back on our screens having travelled the globe in filming his latest series, Life Story, in which he narrates the stories of animals' journeys through life. In this second episode, he follows a tiger cub whose family is under threat, a vulnerable veined octopus and a pair of sibling cheetahs guarding against starvation, and the naturalist explains how the animals develop new skills and learn how to survive on their own.

FRIDAY
Citizen Khan BBC1, 8.30pm

During a recent episode of Would I Lie To You? Adil Ray revealed he had once been told off by a Greek boat owner for sailing too far out to sea. That's definitely not to kind of thing Mr Khan would get up to. Ray writes and stars in this sitcom about Khan's often fraught life, and while many may be surprised to see it back for a new series – it hasn't always had great reviews – it has grown an army of fans big enough to warrant a recommission. The first episode sees the Khan family return from a trip to Pakistan with Mrs Khan's mother in tow. Mr Khan isn't pleased about her presence, but cheers up when she announces her plan to move into a care home.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. In Roman Catholic setting the prophet produces an object of reverence (5)
4. See 11 Across
8. See 17 Across
- 9 & 16Ac. Maverick trumpeter! (5,8)
10. What bakers do, we hear, as a necessity (4)
- 11 & 4Ac. They are graduated for those who take physics (8-7)
13. Military policeman after petty-officer for ostentatious display (4)
14. Fish not yet caught, one hears (4)
16. See 9 Across
- 17 & 8Ac. He's personally responsible for the position he's in (4-4,3)
20. See 23 Across
21. The fellow gets a certain time for a particular assignment (7)
22. Master copy for various clients (7)
- 23 & 20Ac. Publicity man to show lack of tension in contemporary surroundings (5-5)

Down

1. Figures of classical significance (5,8)
2. Take up temporary accommodation at the gate-house (5)
3. A thousand in international settlement (4)
4. For the man of finance this is regarded as a certainty (6)
5. A word in America for the rail-head (8)
6. It needs fifty to light the fuel (7)
7. Dramatically speaking, they deal with all sorts of properties (5-8)
12. Give cash time, maybe, to be down-right in speech (8)
13. Go in front - it's soft to go back (7)
15. Top coat for me in back lane (6)
18. What the first of the rubbers will do in comfort! (5)
19. Break the vessels up (4)

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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Spate (5)
4. Refuse (7)
8. Unfasten (7)
9. Even (5)
10. Ripped (4)
11. Theft (8)
13. Nobleman (4)
14. Otherwise (4)
16. Defames (8)
17. Chief (4)
20. Dodge (5)
21. In arrears (7)
22. Pullover (7)
23. Support (5)

Down

1. Perfection (13)
2. Happen (5)
3. Deceased (4)
4. Substitute (6)
5. Guilty (8)
6. Bill (7)
7. Illumination (13)
12. Slope (8)
13. Flow from (7)
15. Warmth (6)
18. Viper (5)
19. Minus (4)

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LAST WEEKS CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Oversight; 8 Live; 9 Firm going; 10 Normal; 11 Mavis; 14 Evens; 15 Cure; 16 Earth; 18 Ends; 20 Ample; 21 Sport; 24 Spared; 25 Matrimony; 26 Lean; 27 Proto-type. Down: 1 Blunderer; 2 Overheads; 4 Veil; 5 Rumba; 6 Ironic; 7 Hint; 9 False; 11 Merit; 12 Summarize; 13 Defendant; 17 Harpy; 19 Spirit; 22 Remit; 23 Pair; 24 Snip. QUICK - Across: 3 Composure; 8 Elixir; 9 Better off; 10 Seaman; 11 Shrub; 14 Ledge; 15 True; 16 Draws; 18 Sour; 20 Trade; 21 Teach; 24 Stream; 25 Arrogance; 26 Downfall; 27 Determined; 28 Downless; 32 Out-and-out; 4 Omen; 5 Patch; 6 Sprout; 7 Riff; 9 Bared; 11 Smash; 12 Break even; 13 Never mind; 17 State; 19 Remote; 22 Claim; 23 Free; 24 Scan.

1. Who wrote the opera Hary Janos?
2. Where was the first permanent British settlement in the US?
3. Between which countries is the Kattegat sea passage?
4. Who coined the term Iron Curtain?
5. What does an invertebrate lack?
6. Where is the Interpol HQ?
7. How is the Book of Changes better known?
8. Who is the author of the Dune series?
9. In which country was Graeme Hick born?
10. Which organ produces insulin?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Scabies; 2 Raccoon; 3 Medicine;
4 Jockey Club; 5 New Zealand; 6 XIV;
7 Kiwi; 8 Mike Leigh; 9 Swiss; 10 Uncle.
Niner: SCROUNGED

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

574 gives a deer,
8763 gives a horse,
913342 gives a cat.

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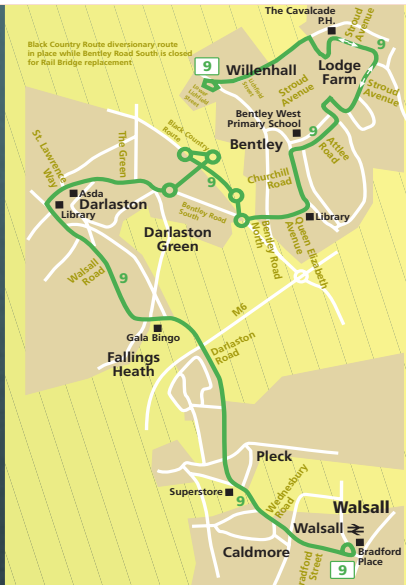
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Spacious four-bedroom bungalow in a quiet area



THIS spacious four-bedroomed dormer bungalow in Woodfield Close, Walsall lies in a quiet cul-de-sac in the popular Park Hall area of town.

It is for sale through Dixons at £550,000 with no chain.

It has a porch, a good sized entrance hall with an attractive turned staircase off, a WC, a large lounge with a gas fire within a feature stone surround, sliding door to the garden and an archway into a dining room, an attractive modern kitchen with a built-in gas hob, electric oven, extractor, dishwasher and fridge freezer, part tiled walls, ceiling spotlights and a tiled floor, utility, master bedroom with wardrobes and an en suite, three further bedrooms, a bathroom and dressing area, a garage and garden with a patio area, lawn and mature shrubbery.

Contact Dixons on 01922 432011 or visit the website at www.dixonsestateagents.co.uk

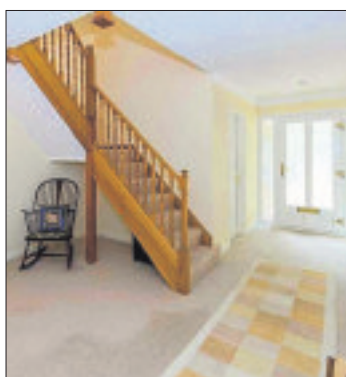


Playing fields view from detached home

A FIVE-BEDROOMED detached house in Dukes Grove, Bloxwich, has views over King George V Memorial Playing Fields.

It is for sale through Marrión & Co at £475,000.

It has an imposing reception hall with a spindled balustrade staircase off, a French Oak beamed ceiling, dining hall with laminate flooring, a log burning stove, French doors, laminate flooring and a vaulted ceiling, kitchen with island unit, range-style cooker, utility, WC, ground floor master bedroom en suite with dressing area, second bedroom, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, double garage, and garden. Contact Marrión & Co on 01922 404446 or at www.marrión.co.uk



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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**ESSINGTON
CRAB LANE**

EPC TBC

- Outstanding impressive detached property on extensive plot
- Superb potential to extend, subject to planning and consent
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Refitted shower room
- Garage
- Large driveway
- No chain

£360,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE



**HADLEY HEATH
CHESWICK CLOSE**

EPC D

- Well Presented Modern Link Detached in Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage, Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens

£159,995

FEATURED PROPERTY



**COUNTY BRIDGE
WORCESTER ROAD**

EPC E

- Much Improved Semi Detached in Popular Location
- No Chain
- Hall
- Fitted Kitchen
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Impressive Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Block Paved Driveway
- Superb Large Rear Gardens

£130,000

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EPC C

**ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE**

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delightful Rear Gardens

£239,950



EPC D

**SNEYD PARK
KEWSTOKE ROAD**

- Superb Much Improved Semi Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Large Conservatory • Utility with WC
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas CH
- Garage • Block Paved Driveway
- Rear Gardens

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MRS W IS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM SEMI
DETACHED
PROPERTY IN
SHORT HEATH
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MR C IS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM
PROPERTY UP
TO £115,000 IN
BENTLEY PLEASE
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MORE DETAILS**



EPC E

**WILLENHALL
CADNAM CLOSE**

- Modern Detached Property
- Lounge • Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£134,950



EPC B

**ESSINGTON
HOUGH WAY**

- First Floor Apartment
- Impressively Appointed
- Premier Cul-De-Sac Location
- Reception Hall • Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £110,000



EPC E

**WILLENHALL
CHILTERN DRIVE**

- Modern Mid Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£108,950



EPC D

**WILLENHALL
HARRY PERKS STREET**

- Mid terraced property
- Three good size bedrooms
- Lounge • Kitchen
- Ground floor wet room
- First floor bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- Driveway • No chain

£89,950



EPC E

**WILLENHALL
CLOTHIER STREET**

- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Gated Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£88,000

**WANTED
MRS K IS LOOKING
FOR A THREE
BEDROOM
DETACHED
PROPERTY IN
ESSINGTON UP TO
£300,000, PLEASE
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MORE DETAILS**



EPC E

**WILLENHALL
GIPSY LANE**

- Traditional mid terraced property
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Two double bedrooms
- First floor shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- No chain

£79,950



EPC E

**ROSEHILL
ROSEHILL GARDENS**

- Much Improved Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- En-suite
- Double Glazing
- External Storage Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Chain

£65,000



EPC C

**NEW INVENTION
SQUIRES GROVE**

- Well presented second floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Large lounge with dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom • Double glazing
- Allocated parking space
- Possibility to be a Higher %
- No chain

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£37,000**

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NEW INSTRUCTION



**ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE**

- Impressive and impeccably appointed detached
- Four bedrooms
- 'L' shaped open plan lounge & dining room
- Superb refitted breakfast kitchen
- Family/sitting room
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Long driveway
- Pleasant front and rear gardens

£365,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



**ESSINGTON
LARCHMERE DRIVE**

- Exceptional executive detached family residence
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Four double bedrooms & one single bedroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Spacious breakfast kitchen & utility
- Bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Beautiful landscaped corner plot gardens
- Garage and driveway

£325,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



**ESSINGTON
SHERRINGHAM DRIVE**

- Superb greatly improved link detached property
- Corner plot position
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway
- Carport and garage
- Side and rear gardens

£190,000

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**ESSINGTON
KINGS CHASE**

- Double fronted detached family home
- 10 year NHBC Warranty
- Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC
- Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Study
- Kitchen, Dining Area, Utility Room
- Four Excellent Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room/WC, Bathroom/WC
- Single Garage
- Parking and Gardens

£318,995



**ESSINGTON
KINGS CHASE**

- Newly Built Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall
- Spacious Lounge/Dining Room
- Good Sized Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Single Garage
- Driveway
- Large Gardens

£259,750



**BENTLEY
CHURCHILL ROAD**

- Exceptional and beautifully presented modern style detached property
- Four good size bedrooms
- 24ft through lounge/dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Utility/wc
- Refitted bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage, driveway
- Rear garden

£215,000



**WILLENHALL
WELLAND GROVE**

- Modern Style Semi Detached
- Popular Corner Plot Position
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

£140,000



**WILLENHALL
BECCLES DRIVE**

- Modern style semi detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Majority double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Shower room
- Long driveway
- Front and rear gardens
- No chain

£135,000



**WILLENHALL
ASTON RAD**

- Traditional style detached property
- Hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Large Front & Rear Gardens
- No chain
- Majority double glazing

£125,000



**COPPICE FARM
GOREY CLOSE**

- Extended modern style semi detached property
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Rear gardens
- Driveway

£122,500



**RIVERPOINT ESTATE
LAMBOURN ROAD**

- Modern semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Rear gardens, driveway
- No chain

£120,000



**WILLENHALL
SANDRINGHAM AVENUE**

- Superb impressively appointed extended semi detached
- Large sitting/dining room
- Lounge
- Well Appointed Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Utility with wc
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Block paved driveway
- Rear gardens

£154,995



**COPPICE FARM
COPPICE FARM WAY**

- Extended Modern Style Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Tandem Garage
- Drive
- Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£145,000



**WILLENHALL
TILDESLEY DRIVE**

- Impressive End Terrace Property
- No Upward Chain
- Hall
- Spacious Lounge
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
- Delightful Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System

£120,000



**WILLENHALL
LAKESIDE CLOSE**

- Superb Beautifully Presented Mid Terrace
- Ideal FTB or Investor Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Hall
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- Rear Gardens

£95,995



**WILLENHALL
ROSEHILL**

- Improved period style mid terraced property with No chain
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Pleasant rear garden

OFFERS OVER £90,000



**SHORT HEATH
SOUTHEY CLOSE**

- Much Improved Mid Terrace Property
- No Chain
- Hall
- Through Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

£89,950



**WILLENHALL
WILLENHALL ROAD**

- Period Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Garden
- No Chain

£80,000



**WILLENHALL
KINGFISHER COURT, CLARKES LANE**

- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge with Kitchen area
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Secured Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- No Chain

£70,000

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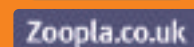
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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

NEW

EPC: E



**BLOXWICH
LICHFIELD ROAD**

- PLEASANTLY POSITIONED THREE BEDROOM SEMI REQUIRING A DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT
- EXCELLENT POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GARAGE AND PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING VIA AGENT!

£134,950 OFFERS

STAR BUY!

REDUCED

EPC: D



**BLOXWICH
ABINGDON WAY**

- SPACIOUS AND VERSATILE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- FOUR FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS PLUS DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM
- FIVE/2ND RECEPTION ROOM WITH ADJACENT WET ROOM
- 19FT BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

£119,950 OFFERS

MANAGERS CHOICE

NEW

EPC: TBC



**BLOXWICH
ODELL ROAD**

- TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN POPULAR AND CONVENIENT LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- PLEASANT REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN!

£99,950 OFFERS

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NEW

EPC: C



**BLOXWICH
GLASTONBURY CRESCENT**

- THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY SITUATED IN MOSSLEY DEVELOPMENT BLOXWICH
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN, VIEWING VIA AGENT

£74,950

REDUCED

EPC: E



**BEECHDALE, WALSALL
PRIESTLEY ROAD**

- END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN BEECHDALE AREA OF WALSALL
- TWO BEDROOMS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM & MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM, REAR GARDEN, OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO UPWARD CHAIN, VIEWING VIA AGENT

£79,950

EPC: F



**PELSALL
OLD TOWN LANE**

- CHARMING VICTORIAN STYLE END TERRACED RESIDENCE SITUATED IN POPULAR PELSALL VILLAGE LOCATION
- TWO BEDROOMS, GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

£134,950 OFFERS

EPC: D



**WALSALL
BENTLEY DRIVE**

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN

£120,000 OFFERS



**WALSALL
DRYDEN ROAD**

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LARGE EXTENDED L-SHAPED FITTED DINING KITCHEN
- EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN

£95,000 OFFERS



**BEECHDALE, WALSALL
REMINGTON ROAD**

- Renovated Mid Terrace Property
- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Brand New Kitchen
- Brand New Bathroom
- New Carpets Throughout
- Viewing is Strongly Recommended!

£94,950 OFFERS



**LEAMORE, WALSALL
BLOXWICH ROAD**

- TRADITIONAL STYLE MID TERRACED PROPERTY
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- PART DOUBLE GLAZED
- CELLAR

£92,500 OFFERS



**BLOXWICH
CHURCH STREET**

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED PROPERTY SITUATED CLOSE TO BLOXWICH TOWN CENTRE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING & GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



BLOXWICH

GLASTONBURY CRESCENT

- PLEASANT THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME PURCHASERS
- LARGE FULL WIDTH FITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£97,500 OFFERS

STAR BUY!



REEDSWOOD, WALSALL

PARKVIEW CRESCENT

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SHOWER ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOUNGE AND DINING AREAS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- GARAGE AND BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £125,000

MANAGERS CHOICE



LEAMORE, WALSALL

BEATRICE STREET

- TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR TO GREEN LANE, WALSALL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED!

£84,950 OFFERS

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BEECHDALE, WALSALL

HADLEY WAY

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH GARAGE TO THE REAR
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS

£94,950 FIXED PRICE



REEDSWOOD, WALSALL

CONWY CLOSE

- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- VERY NICE TWO BEDROOM MODERN PROPERTY CONVENIENT FOR M6
- MOTORWAY LINKS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- 16FT REAR LOUNGE WITH FRENCH DOORS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER

£110,000 OFFERS



BLOXWICH

ABBEY SQUARE

- PLEASANT EXTENDED MID TOWN HOUSE THOUGHT IDEAL FOR A YOUNG FAMILY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SPLIT LEVEL SITTING/ DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- PLEASANT FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

£95,000 OFFERS



WALSALL

GUILD AVENUE

- WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SHOWER ROOM
- MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN

£97,500 OFFERS



BLOXWICH

RYLE STREET

- CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED, RE-FITTED CORNER PLOT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR THE YOUNG FAMILY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NEW KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
- POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP)
- PLEASANT REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING

£105,000 OFFERS



PELSALL

MILLERS WALK

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED MODERN STYLE DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE IN POPULAR PELSALL DEVELOPMENT
- FOUR BEDROOMS AND EN-SUITE SHOWER
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN AND FAMILY BATHROOM
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- TWO BEDROOMS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £200,000



WALSALL

BELL TOWER CLOSE

- GROUND FLOOR MODERN APARTMENT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- ALLOCATED PARKING

£82,500 OFFERS



LITTLE BLOXWICH

GRENELL ROAD

- WELL APPOINTED EXTENDED DETACHED PROPERTY
- FIVE BEDROOMS AND AN EN SUITE SHOWER
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS
- WELL EQUIPPED FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C.
- RE-FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GARAGE AND CAR PORT

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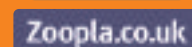
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CRODENE AVENUE BLOXWICH

- Semi detached property
- Porch
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Newly refitted kitchen
- Newly refitted bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed

£525 PCM



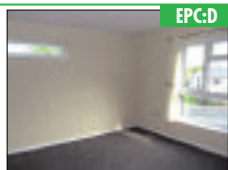
EPC:E



STOWE STREET BLOXWICH

- Second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Newly carpeted & decorated throughout
- Majority double glazed
- Central heating
- Available end of October

425 PCM



EPC:D



ASTBURY CLOSE BLOXWICH

- Smart modern town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central & double glazed
- Fitted kitchen including oven & hob
- Bathroom with shower
- Rear garden
- Allocated parking

£525 PCM

EPC:C



BENTLEY LANE WALSALL

- Pleasantly appointed mid terraced style property
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- UPVC Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garden to the rear
- Dhss considered

£425 PCM



EPC:D



WYVERN CLOSE WEDNESFIELD

- First floor one bed maisonette,
- D/glazing & majority c/ heating
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear garden with patio area

£400 PCM



EPC: C



PRINCETHORPE ROAD WILLENHALL

- Modern style mid town house
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Central heating & double glazed
- Off road parking

£575 PCM

EPC:B

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SANDBEDS ROAD WILLENHALL

- Three bed mid terraced property
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Ground floor bathroom
- Off road parking to rear

£495 PCM

EPC: E



LAMBOURN ROAD WILLENHALL

- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£525 PCM

EPC:C



THE CRESCENT WILLENHALL

- Mid terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- C/heating & d/glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Rear garden

£495 PCM

EPC: D



WORCESTER ROAD WILLENHALL

- Three bedroom semi
- Refitted kitchen/diner
- Refitted bathroom
- Lounge & sunroom
- D/glazing & c/heating
- Off road parking

£550 PCM

EPC: E



BOW STREET WILLENHALL

- Two bed mid terrace
- Close to W'hall centre
- Lounge & kitchen
- Central heating
- Fitted bathroom
- Rear garden

£395 PCM

EPC: D

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- Popular Tamebridge location
- Through lounge diner
- Kitchen
- Utility/second kitchen space with integrated hob
- Three/Four bedrooms
- Downstairs shower room
- Family bathroom
- Rear

£700 PCM

EPC:C



WATER REED GROVE WALSALL

- Superbly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms & occasional fourth bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazed windows
- 'L' shaped Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted family bathroom

£725 PCM

EPC:B



BOOTH STREET BLOXWICH

- Pleasant semi detached property
- 18ft Dining kitchen including oven & hob
- UPVC D/glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC D/ glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Garden to the rear
- Unfurnished

£550 PCM

EPC:D



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£81,500

NEW INSTRUCTION

FOR SALE



FLETCHER ROAD, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi, Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Area, Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H, Covered Outbuildings. Off Road Parking & An Enclosed Garden To The Rear.

£110,000

UN EXPECTABLY RE-AVAILABLE

FOR SALE



RIDING WAY, SHORT HEATH
Extended Three Bed Semi, Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge With Separate Dining Area, Kitchen & Shower Room. Outside There Are Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking & Garage.

£129,995

OPEN VIEWING THIS WEEKEND

FOR SALE



ALVINGTON CL, WILLENHALL
OPEN VIEWING - SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 11:30AM - 1:00PM NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
Extended Three Bed Semi With Off Road Parking
Viewing Strongly Advised

£150,000

IDEAL BUY TO LET

FOR SALE



FARMHOUSE RD, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Second Floor Flat. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen & Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazed, Gas Central Heated. Access To Storage Shed & Communal Gardens. Shared Off Road Parking.

£65,000

FOR SALE



GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing. Close To Willenhall Town Centre Giving Access To Good Local Amenities, Schools and Transport Links. Great Investment Property.

£74,995

FOR SALE



REGENT STREET, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Mid Terraced. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Rear Lobby, Fitted Kitchen And Ground Floor Bathroom. UPVC Double Glazed And Gas Central Heated. Garden To Rear. Great FTB or BTL!

£80,000

FOR SALE



VICTORIA STREET, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Terrace, Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, First Floor Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H. Front And Rear Gardens. Great First Time Buy Or Buy To Let.

£80,000

FOR SALE



CANNOCK RD, WILLENHALL
One Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom And Bathroom. Outside There Is A Gravelled Garden, Allocated Parking Space And Garage In A Separate Block.

£82,500

FOR SALE



WELLINGTON COURT, W'HALL
Modern One Bed Duplex Apartment Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. D/Glazing, Storage Heating. Gated Parking. Great First Time Buy Or Investment Opportunity.

£92,500

FOR SALE



POPLAR AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom End Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, W.C And Shower Room. Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Front & Rear Gardens. Great F.T.B Or B.T.L.

£95,000

VIEWING ADVISED

FOR SALE



BLENHEIM ROAD, WILLENHALL
Immaculately Presented Two Bed Ground Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Porch/Utility Area, Lounge, Kitchen, Hall, Two Bedrooms And Modern Bathroom. Outside There Is An Enclosed Rear Garden & Further Lawn Area To The Side. Must View.

£95,000

FOR SALE



WINDSOR WALK, DARLASTON
Extended Two Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, Versatile Ground Floor Rear Extension D/G, G/C/H. Off Road Parking. Front & Rear Gardens. Great First Time Buy.

£99,950

FOR SALE



STAR CLOSE, BENTLEY
Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Porch & Hall, Guest W.C, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Shower Room, D/G, G/C/H, Gardens To Front & Rear. MUST VIEW!

£100,000

FOR SALE



WALKERS FOLD, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden.

£107,500

FOR SALE



MEMORY LANE, DARLASTON
Superbly Presented Two Bed Semi. Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, & Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H. Garden To Front, Parking To Side & Generous Rear Garden. MUST VIEW!

£107,500

FOR SALE



THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi Having Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway To The Fore Allowing Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles And A Private Enclosed Rear Garden.

£110,000

FOR SALE



WALKERS FOLD, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H Outside There Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces. Gardens To Front & Rear.

£110,000

FOR SALE



CHAUCER AVE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, 16ft Conservatory, Shower Room, Enclosed Side Access With Brick Built Outbuilding, D/G & G/C/H. Off Road Parking & Enclosed Rear Garden.

£119,995

FOR SALE



COLTHAM ROAD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing & G/C/H, Garden To Front & Rear & Off Road Parking.

£124,995

REDUCED

FOR SALE



SHEPPWELL GREEN, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, Gas C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Gardens To Front And Rear.

£127,500

FOR SALE



COLTSFOOT CL, WEDNESFIELD
Two Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, G/Central Heating, D/Glazing, Front And Side Gardens, Off Road Parking To The Fore. Enclosed Rear Garden.

£129,950

FOR SALE



BASALT CLOSE, REEDSWOOD
Modern Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite To Master Bed & Bathroom, Garage, Garden To The Front With Off Road Parking & An Fully Enclosed Rear Garden.

£130,000

FOR SALE



DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Gas C/Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway And An Enclosed Rear Garden To The Rear. Must View.

£130,000

FOR SALE



AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W'HALL
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Dining Area And Modern Family Bathroom. UPVC D/Glazed And Central Heated. Off Road Parking, Garden To Rear. STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDOR!

£137,500

FOR SALE



PATTENHAM CL, WILLENHALL
Three Storey, Three Bed Town House, Ground Floor Has Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, W.C, First Floor Has Two Double Bedrooms And Bathroom, En-Suite Master To Second Floor, Gardens To Front & Rear.

£140,000

FOR SALE



ARNHEM ROAD, W'HALL
Well Presented Three Bed Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, W.C, Family Bathroom, D/G & G/C/H. Off Road Parking To The Front & Extensive Gardens To The Rear.

£155,000

FOR SALE



BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, W'HALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway.

£160,000

FOR SALE



THE GREEN, DARLASTON
Four Bed Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom, Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.

£164,995

FOR SALE



LICHFIELD RD, NEW INVENTION
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.

£160,000

FOR SALE



CRAB LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Dormer Bungalow, Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Bathroom, One Bedroom To Ground Floor, First Floor Has Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, D/G, G/C/H, Front/Rear Gardens, Driveway & Garage.

£180,000

FOR SALE



BUSH STREET, DARLASTON
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite W.C To Master Bed. Outside Is Gated Parking, Double Garage With Office & Garden.

£195,000

FOR SALE



RIVERBANK RD, WILLENHALL
Immaculate Four Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Porch & Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, En-Suite Shower To The Master & Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H, Garage, Gardens Front & Rear.

£195,000

FOR SALE



MILL LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Detached Bungalow With One Bed Annex. Comprises Of Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Family Bathroom, The Annex Comprises Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner & Bedroom With En-Suite Shower Room.

£280,000

FOR SALE



BILSTON LANE, WILLENHALL
Impressive Four Bed Detached Bungalow, Comprises Of 24ft Lounge, Dining Room, Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Luxurious Bathroom, Separate W.C, Feature Games Room, Brick Built Workshop, Secure Parking & Garden.

£305,000

FOR SALE



HOUGH WAY, ESSINGTON
Immaculate Five Bed Semi Detached Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, W.C., Two En-Suites & Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H, Gardens To Front & Rear Driveway & Garage.

£325,000

TO LET



DILLOWAYS LANE, W'HALL
First Floor Flat Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Stairs To First Floor, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, G/C/H, D/Glazing, Outside There Is A Shared Driveway To The Fore And A Generous Garden To The Rear.

£400 PCM

TO LET



YALE ROAD, WILLENHALL
Well Presented Two Bed First Floor Apartment, Secure Communal Entrance, Entrance Hall, Generous Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom With Shower, G/C/H, D/G, Off Road Parking, Viewing Recommended.

£475 PCM

TO LET



MYVOLD ROAD, WEDNESBURY
Two Bedroom Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H. Outside There Are Gardens To The Front, Side And Rear As Well As Off Road Parking, Viewing Strongly Advised.

£500 PCM

TO LET



SHEPHERD DRIVE, W'HALL
Two Bed Mid-Terrace Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Enclosed Side Entrance Hallway, Modern Family Bathroom, D/G & G/C/H, Gardens To Front And Rear.

£500 PCM

TO LET



UPLANDS ROAD, WILLENHALL
Two/Three Bed Detached Bungalow, Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room/Second Bedroom, Kitchen, Bathroom, G/C/H, D/G, Garden And Driveway To The Fore, Garden With Detached Garage To The Rear. Viewing Is Highly Recommended. Be Quick For This One!

500 PCM

TO LET



GREAVES CRESCENT, W'HALL
Well Presented Three/Four Bed Semi Detached. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bedroom/Second Reception Room, Family Bathroom, D/G & G/C/H. To The Outside There Is Off Road Parking To The Front & Enclosed Garden To Rear. Viewing Recommended!

£575 PCM

TO LET



OVERDALE DRIVE, BENTLEY
Immaculately Presented Three Bed Semi, Comprising Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Detached Garage And Off Road Parking. Situated Close To Good Local Schools, Transport Links And Amenities.

£575 PCM

TO LET



YALE ROAD, WILLENHALL
Modern Three Bed Detached Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, W.C, Lounge Diner, Integral Garage, En-suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H, Off Road Parking & An Enclosed Garden To The Rear. Situated Close To Good Local Schools, Transport Links And Amenities.

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 • Immaculate Presentation

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Millers Walk, Walsall
 • SPACIOUS DETACHED HOME
 • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
 • GAS CENTRAL HEATING
 • DOUBLE GLAZING
 • EN-SUITE BATHROOM
 • FOUR GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS

Offers in the Region Of



Lichfield Road, Walsall
 • Four Bedroom Detached Bungalow
 • Entrance Hall
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Utility area
 • Shower room with separate shower

Offers in the Region Of



Broadway, Walsall
 • Extended Four Bedroom Semi
 • Three Reception Rooms
 • Conservatory
 • Ground Floor Bedroom & Shower Room
 • Three First Floor Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom

Offers in the Region of



Wood Common Grange, Walsall
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 • Three bedroom Semi Detached
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 • Dining Area
 • Family Bathroom

Offers in the Region Of



Ivy Grove, Walsall
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Conservatory
 • Family Bathroom
 • En-Suite

In the Region Of £160,000



Castings Close, Walsall
 • NEW BUILD
 • THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
 • BREAKFAST KITCHEN
 • GUEST W.C.
 • LOUNGE/DINER
 • MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE

£160,000



Stoney Lane, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • In Need of Modernisation
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen
 • Side Passageway
 • Downstairs W.C.

Offers in Excess of £155,000



Mellish Road, Walsall
 • First Floor Two Bedroom Apartment
 • Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
 • Further Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom

£150,000



Pelsall Road, Walsall
 • Three bedroom Semi Detached
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Conservatory
 • Shower Room
 • Gas Central Heating

Offers in the Region Of



Mill Road, Walsall
 • Entrance Hall
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating
 • Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of



Maripool Drive, Walsall
 • Five Bedroom Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
 • Utility Room
 • Cloakroom W.C.
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite

Offers in Excess of £285,000



Silver Waters, Brownhills
 • Four bedroom family home
 • Master bedroom with en-suite
 • French doors to living room leading to private garden
 • Double garage with driveway parking

In the Region Of £249,995



Birkdale Road, Walsall
 • Four Bedroom Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Breakfast Kitchen
 • Utility/Guest W.C.
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite
 • Three Further Bedrooms

In the Region Of £239,950



Ferndown Close, Walsall
 • Four Bedroom Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
 • Conservatory
 • Guest W.C.
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite

Offers in Excess of £230,000



Bealeys Lane, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Utility
 • Shower Room
 • Family Bathroom with Separate Shower

Offers in Excess of £220,000



Chester Road, Brownhills
 • Large Detached Bungalow in Private
 • Slip Road
 • Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory
 • Two Bedrooms, Two Shower Rooms
 • Garage, Rear Gardens

In the Region of £220,000



Ganton Road, Turnberry Estate
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 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

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Lincoln Road, Walsall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
 • Guest W.C.
 • Utility
 • Conservatory

In the Region Of £230,000



Leigh Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Newly Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
 • Study
 • Three Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower

Offers in Excess of £230,000



Stamping Way, Walsall
 • Detached Four Bedroom Three Storey
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen/Diner
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
 • Three Further Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £219,950



Bridgeside Close, Walsall
 • Four Bedroom Detached Townhouse
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Guest WC
 • En-Suite
 • Gas central heating

In the Region Of £215,000



Westfield Drive, Walsall
 • Three bedroom Townhouse
 • Gas Central Heating
 • Double Glazing
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • family Bathroom

In the Region Of £214,995



Wallington Close, Walsall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
 • Large Lounge
 • L' Shaped Extended Kitchen/Diner
 • Utility/Cloak W.C.
 • Three Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £195,000



Gorey Close, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Detached
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 • Utility/W.C.
 • Conservatory
 • Newly Fitted Family Bathroom

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 • Family Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating

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Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom
 • Ground Floor Wet Room
 • Three Bedrooms

In the Region Of £139,950



Meadow Road, Walsall
 • Entrance Porch
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Utility Room
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Bathroom

In the Region Of £215,000



Field Road, Bloxwich
 • Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Fully Re-Furnished
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Re-Fitted Kitchen
 • Utility Room/WC
 • Conservatory

In the region of £194,000



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 • Entrance Porch
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen

Offers in Excess of £150,000



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Longwood Rise, Willenhall
 • Extended Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Four Bedrooms
 • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
 • Garage with Utility

Offers in excess of £150,000



SOLD
 Subject to Contract

Rosemary Close, Clayhanger
 • Three Bedroom Semi Detached
 • Lounge/Diner
 • Conservatory And Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Master Bedroom with En-suite
 • Garage & Off Road Parking

In the Region of £147,950



SOLD
 Subject to Contract

Brownhills, School Street
 • Three Bedroom Semi Detached
 • Lounge/Diner
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Master Bedroom with En-suite
 • Family Bathroom

In the Region of £140,000



SOLD
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Cygnet Drive, Brownhills
 • Three Bedroom Townhouse
 • Lounge, Dining Room
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite
 • Allocated Parking

In the Region of £140,000



SOLD
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Clarkes Lane, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Utility/Guest W.C.
 • Conservatory
 • Three Bedrooms

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SOLD
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Clayhanger Road, Brownhills
 • Semi Detached House
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 • Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Gas Central Heating

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SOLD
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Terret Close, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite
 • Further Bedroom
 • Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £90,000



SOLD
 Subject to Contract

Margam Crescent, Bloxwich
 • Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Integrated Appliances
 • Loft Room Conversion
 • Off Road Parking
 • Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £85,000



SOLD
 Subject to Contract

Northgate, Aldridge
 • Two Bedroom Flat
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Two Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Viewings Highly Advised

In the Region of £85,000

HOW CAN GOODCHILDS FIND A BUYER FOR YOUR PROPERTY BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

With many sources such as home.co.uk last week reporting the average time a property is on the market in Wolverhampton before securing a sale is 132 days! then how can Goodchilts be so sure they can sell you property before Christmas, just over 60 days away.

Most statistics used by website's or reported by newspapers when discussing the property market are an average of all Estate Agents. This mean's they include the good Estate Agents in the statistics but also the poor performing Estate Agents and the distinctly average performing estate agents. Well Goodchilts is far from average they have won awards every year for the past six years for their exceptional service in the Estate Agency sector and their outstanding performance to their clients. Winning gold for Best Midlands Estate Agency it is no surprise that Goodchilts find buyers far quicker than the average time of a 132 days !!! In fact the Goodchilts team are so confident they are setting the challenge to prove they are more than twice as Good as the average Estate Agent or pay you £500 cash back.



IF YOUR PROPERTY IS ON THE MARKET WITH ANOTHER AGENT THEN TAKE THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGE:

- ✓ AVERAGE ESTATE AGENT 132 DAYS
- ✓ 64 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS
- ✓ GOODCHILDS GUARANTEE TO FIND YOU A BUYER BEFORE CHRISTMAS OR PAY YOU £500 WHEN THEY DO!

Don't panic the award winning Goodchilts team have not gone crazy or so overconfident they are just giving money away. Whilst 64 Days is twice as good as the average Estate Agent and exceptionally good for most good Estate Agents the reason they are so confident is that 64 days is actually more than the average time it takes your local Goodchilts to find a buyer for their vendors. The average time from instruction to sold for properties instructed in the last 6 months for Goodchilts is less than 60 days !

The Goodchilts team only get paid their bonus on completion of your sale meaning your goal to get your property sold and paid is completely aligned with our sales teams goal to get your property sold so Goodchilts get paid their commission and the sales team get paid there bonus. As well as ensure that your property gets sold we also monitor how close our team achieve in relation to your asking price and ensure we are the leading Estate Agents when it comes to achieving sales prices that are closer to your asking price than the average Estate Agent.

The Goodchilts team are also aware that selling your property is obviously the exciting part of any property move. However we are also aware that excitement is just one day and that there is a whole sales journey and customer experience that must also be exceptional if we are to keep winning awards. With this in mind our team only achieve their top level sales commission if they achieve over 94% Customer satisfaction which is marked by YOU rating them as exception not just good or satisfactory. A 17 branch network with offices in Wolverhampton, Wednesfield, Wednesbury, Telford, Tamworth, Sutton Coldfield, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford, Milton Keynes, Lichfield, Erdington, Cannock, Bloxwich, Rugby (opening Jan) Brownhills and Birmingham provides you with a network of branches and an award winning team to sell your property. Goodchilts know Estate



SOLD
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Star Close, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom End-Terrace
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Two Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £80,000



SOLD
 Subject to Contract

Blakenall Lane, Walsall
 • Three Bed Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Downstairs W.C.
 • Shower Room
 • Kitchen
 • Three Double Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £80,000



SOLD
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Second Avenue, Brownhills
 • Three Bedroom
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Viewing Essential

Offers In Excess Of £79,995



SOLD
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Evesham Crescent, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £75,000



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Sadlers Mill, Brownhills
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 • Family Bathroom
 • Far Reaching Views

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Taverners Close, Willenhall
 • One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
 • Double Bedroom with Fitted Wardrobes
 • Re-Fitted Bathroom
 • Front Garden with Brick-Built Storage

Offers in the Region Of



SOLD
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Rushbrook Close, Clayhanger
 • Two Bedroom Townhouse
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 • Family Bathroom
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 • Rear Gated Access

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• Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom
• Off Road Parking

In the Region of £135,000



Bosty Lane, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Kitchen/Diner
• Conservatory
• Three Bedrooms
• Loft Room
• Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £130,000



Coalmeadow Close, Bloxwich
• Two Bedroom End-Terrace
• Fitted Kitchen
• Newly Fitted Bathroom
• Conservatory
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

In the Region of £120,000



Lane Avenue, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Guest W.C.
• Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Tame Street East, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Terrace
• Entrance Hall
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Downstairs W.C.
• Family Bathroom

Offers in Excess of £110,000



Alexandra Road, Walsall
• Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Utility/Verandah
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom with Shower

In the Region Of £99,950



Cherwell Drive, Walsall
• Two Bed Terrace
• Porch
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Family Bathroom
• Front & Rear Garden

In the Region Of £94,995

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Field Road, Bloxwich
• Three Bedroom End of Terrace
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• Lounge
• Kitchen
• Downstairs W.C.
• Conservatory

In the Region of £89,950



Beech Court, Walsall
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 • Three Bedrooms

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Allens Lane, Walsall
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 • Through Lounge/Dining Room
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom
 • Large Rear Garden with Vehicle Access
 • Front Garden

Offers in Excess of £135,000



Lindon Road, Walsall
 • Three bedroom Semi Detached house
 • Porch
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Shower Room
 • Gas central heating

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Walkers Fold, Willenhall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Lounge/Diner
 • Kitchen
 • Two Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens

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Cherwell Drive, Walsall
 • Terraced House
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Dining Room
 • Downstairs WC
 • Gas central heating

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High Street, Walsall
 • Two Bed Terrace
 • Open Plan Lounge/Diner
 • Kitchen
 • Utility/storage Room
 • Family Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating

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Wychbold Close, Willenhall
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Lichfield Road, Walsall
 • Stunning 2 Bedroom Apartment
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 • Bathroom
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 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • First Floor with Lift Access
 • Entrance Hall
 • Lounge/Diner
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Close to Town Centre

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Old Town Lane, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom
 • Communal Grounds
 • Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £90,000



Dora Street, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Recently Fitted Kitchen
 • Rear Lobby with Utility
 • Guest W.C.
 • Two Double Bedrooms

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Weston Street, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Kitchen with Pantry
 • Inner Lobby with Utility
 • Ground Floor Bathroom
 • Two Double Bedrooms

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Ryle Street, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens
 • Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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• Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Conservatory
• Double Garage

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Chester Road North, Walsall
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Guest W.C.
• Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom

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Station Road, Walsall
• Three Bedroom End of Terrace
• Off Road Parking for Several Cars
• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen
• Family bathroom
• Gas Central Heating

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West Bromwich Road, Walsall
• Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Two Reception Rooms
• Kitchen
• Ground Floor Bathroom
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Shower Room

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Chandlers Keep, Walsall
• Entrance Hall
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms
• En-Suite Shower

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Well Lane, Walsall
• Three Bedroom Detached House
• Entrance Hallway
• Fitted Kitchen
• Lounge/Dining Room
• Family Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £120,000



Jesson Close, Walsall
• Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
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• Family Bathroom
• Rear Gated Access
• Off Road Parking

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Middleton Close, Brownhills
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• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Utility
• Three Bedrooms
• Family Bathroom

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Burnfields Way, Aldridge
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- A 2 bed semi detached bungalow
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Conservatory and rear garden
- Detached garage, EPC rating D

NEW £595 pcm



Gypsy Lane

- A 2 bed detached bungalow
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden EPC rating D

NEW £595 pcm



Cranbourne Road

- A fully redecorated 3 bed mid terrace
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway, EPC rating C

NEW £500 pcm



Pennyroyal close

- A modern 2 bed semi detached
- 1 spacious reception room
- Fitted kitchen/diner with gas cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- rear garden, EPC rating C

NEW £495 pcm



Franchise Street

- A well presented 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- Rear garden, EPC rating F

£600 pcm



Rosehip close

- A modern 3 bed semi detached property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Guest WC, Driveway
- Rear garden EPC rating D

£525 pcm



Wolverhampton Road

- A fully refurbished 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£495 pcm



Lister Street

- A 3 bed semi detached property
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- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
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- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£475



Woodruff Way

- A modern 2 bed end terrace property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with gas cooker
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- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway and rear garden
- Sorry No Dss, EPC rating C


£495



Pendlebury Close

- A modern 2 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Stylish fitted kitchen with gas cooker
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£400



Hereford Street

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£350 pcm



Thomas Mews

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- Stylish family bathroom with shower
- Rear garden with patio area
- EPC rating C

£525 pcm

LET
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- A well presented 3 bed semi detached property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway and conservatory

£500 pcm

LET
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- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£495 pcm

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Broadway West

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
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- Dss accepted EPC rating D

£395 pcm

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Mellish Road

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- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with electric cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Allocated parking space
- Secure intercom system EPC rating D

Navara picks up more

By Sharon Walters

Nissan's versatile Navara pick-up is to benefit from a number of significant improvements for the 2015 model year.

The latest Navara, which is launched at the IAA Commercial Vehicle Show in Hannover this week has added safety features, new standard equipment across the range, an upgraded interior trim and new body colours.

Every model in the Navara range now has 17-inch alloy wheels and Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) as standard.

Two new metallic body colours - bronze and grey - have been introduced while new trim can be found on SE and LE versions, offering not only improved look and feel but also enhanced quality. The overall objective is to deliver enhanced value to the features, by improving customer benefits of up to £800.

Another significant introduction is the arrival of an SE model powered by a 144hp version of the familiar 2.5-litre dCi diesel engine.

This engine, first seen in the fleet-oriented XE version launched last year, offers an ideal compromise between performance and efficiency. Delivering 144hp, it produces 215g/km of CO2 emissions (7g/km improvement vs 190HP) while the combined fuel economy is 8.2l/100 kms.

SE equipment provides a number of enhancements over the XE model, with automatic air conditioning and a combined CD

tuner with Bluetooth connectivity being the principal benefits.

Additional SE specs vs the XE model include side airbags, chrome front grille, cruise control with speed limiter and driver seat height adjustment. Other standard features are remote central locking, front fog lamps, side steps, rear headrests and heated door mirrors.

XE, SE and top LE versions are also all available with a 190hp version of the dCi engine, while the top of the range LE models - accounting for around 10 per cent of all Navara sales - are also available with the smooth and potent 231hp 3.0L V6 diesel which is coupled to Nissan's advanced seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Premium

LE versions have a raft of sophisticated equipment as standard including premium navigation, a reversing camera, roof rails, heated seats, cruise control, privacy glass, rain sensor and electrically folding door mirrors.

A Special Version of the LE V6 goes even further by adding leather/alcantara trim, 18-inch alloy wheels, chrome touches and a steel bar at the front for added protection.

In other respects, the MY15 Navara range continues as before to provide a mixture of comfort and style in a robust and hugely capable pick-up.

Its rugged ladder-frame chassis has independent front suspension by double wishbones and coil springs.

At the rear, there's a rigid axle and over



Added safety features, new standard equipment across the range, an upgraded interior trim and new body colours

slung leaf springs that provide excellent payload levels at the same time as giving the comfort, ride and handling expected from a SUV.

A part-time four-wheel drive system powers the rear wheels under normal conditions or splits the torque 50/50 between front and rear axles when 4WD mode is engaged.

High and low ratio modes mean outstanding levels of traction whether on or off road. A rear differential lock - which oper-

ates only in low ratio four-wheel drive - provides further help should a rear wheel lose traction on slippery surfaces. Control is via a rotary switch conveniently located on the centre console.

"The provision of VDC across the entire Navara range is a important bonus for all Navara drivers, while the arrival of the new 144hp SE version will have significant appeal to fleet operators and owner/drivers alike," said Sebastien Viet, chief marketing manager Nissan LCV BU.

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Kia aims to sell its Soul

By Sharon Walters

Kia's still got Soul. In fact it's back with a second generation version of its cubic little supermini-MPV.

The second generation Kia Soul is a much-improved proposition.

Granted, it needed to be to avoid being left behind in a market sector stuffed with talented rivals, but in becoming bigger, much better finished, with slicker suspension and better refinement, Kia has equipped the Soul for success. As before, it offers a trendier take on supermini motoring.

The original Kia Soul was a great example of a car that looked great on paper but didn't really cut it when you got behind the wheel. It didn't ride very well, it wasn't packaged as cleverly as it should have been and the interior design never lived up to the bold promise of that cubist exterior. Kia as a company has come a long way in recent years and it doesn't have room on its books for a nearly car, so to that end, the Soul has been replaced with a second generation model that's new from the ground up.

Well, perhaps that's a mild exaggeration, as it shares its chassis with the Kia cee'd but anyone who's driven a cee'd will appreciate that this promises good things. The Soul didn't sell too badly but it could have made a much bigger impact. Kia's confident that this current car will catch up and then some.

Where the old Soul had a jarring ride, moribund steering and poor refinement, the MK2 model aims to offer a much more involving drive. A modified version of the cee'd chassis is tasked with improving the Soul's ride and handling. The front subframe utilises four bushings to improve refinement and reduce harshness. The shock absorbers on the torsion bar rear suspension have been turned vertically and lengthened, allowing for more suspension travel and improved ride comfort. The front suspension and steering box have also been altered to improve stability, lend better balance and yield benefits to on-centre steering feel.

The engines comprise 1.6-litre petrol and diesel engines and a choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmissions. Both engines are carried over from the outgoing model, but have been tweaked to offer improved efficiency and more competitive emissions.

Kia has quite sensibly not fiddled too much with the most successful part of the Soul – its exterior styling. It's still the same block-shaped profile that works well, this time updated with some cleverer detailing. Much of this has been influenced by the 2012 Trackster show car, including the large trapezoidal lower air intake, the location of the available fog lights and the reworking of Kia's signature grille, while the "floating" body colour panel inset into the boot has its roots based in the Trackster as well.

Broadened

Combining a longer 2,570mm wheelbase (up 20mm), overall width that's broadened to 1,800mm (increased by 15mm) and the same overall height of 1,610mm adds a more aggressive edge to the MK2 Soul's appearance. The interior benefits from soft-touch materials on the instrument panel, centre console and door panels. Finishes like soft-grain leather and piano-black trims are also available. The Soul now benefits from a larger cabin with incremental increases in front leg room (1,090mm, 20mm more than the previous Soul), rear leg room (up 5mm to 993mm), front headroom (increased 5mm to 1,006mm) and front seat shoulder room (up 7mm to 1,410mm). This improved Soul also offers a 13mm lower hip point and a step-in height that's reduced 5mm, allowing for even easier ingress and egress. Overall cargo capacity is increased from 340 to 354-litres with the rear seats in place.

Prices for this Soul are still affordable, starting at well under £13,000 for the entry-level 1.6-litre GDI petrol variant. You'll need around £16,500 for the least pricey 1.6 CRDi diesel. Beyond the stripped-out 'start' variant, the bulk of the range is based around Connect, Connect Plus, Mixx and Maxx trim levels. All models get a DAB radio, Flex Steer variable power-assisted steering, coloured-keyed bumpers, power windows and mirrors, air conditioning, USB and AUX-in ports and six airbags.

Further up the range, there are features like a premium Infiniti sound system, a reversing camera, sat nav and front speaker mood lighting, plus the contrasting roof colour and door mirror casings that will really set your car apart. The top Soul Maxx gets a huge panoramic glass roof, leather upholstery and smart key entry.

The Soul's engine efficiency has always been very good, though the figures have dropped a little over what was on offer before, presumably due to this improved model's slightly greater weight. The 1.6 GDI petrol engine makes 41.5mpg and 158g/km of CO₂, while the 1.6 CRDi diesel registers 56.5mpg and 132g/km, which falls to 47.1mpg and 158g/km in the automatic version.

Residual values for the Soul have always stood up fairly well and that has helped to put a cap on the overall price per mile figure when running one. Couple that with low insurance ratings and Kia's excellent seven year/100,000 mile warranty and it all should result in a car that's not going to put a huge dent in the family budget.



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Pulsar looks like business

By James Parker

Nissan re-enters the family hatchback sector with the Pulsar, a somewhat conservative alternative to its extrovert crossovers like the Juke.

The engine range is limited but will expand with sportier models coming on stream. It's early days yet but the omens appear very promising.

Almost a decade ago, Nissan did something radical, something that's never been done by a mass market car manufacturer before. It abandoned the traditional genres of family hatches and medium range saloons, ditching the Almera and Primera models and concentrated instead on crossovers and SUVs. Cars like the massive-selling Qashqai and the Juke became Nissan's bread and butter and many other manufacturers scrambled to copy Nissan's model of success.

You can probably guess what happens next. Just as everyone else jumps ship to flood the market with lookalike crossovers, Nissan has decided to go back to the market it last served with the rather forgettable Almera. This time it revives an old name.

The Pulsar has been fitted with an all-turbocharged range of engines, as is the current vogue, largely carried over from the Qashqai range. Petrol buyers don't get a lot of choice as its stands with just a downsized 115PS 1.2-litre DIG-T engine available, although dealers will take orders for the 190PS 1.6-litre DIG-T that's proven popular in the Juke. Choose diesel, as most UK buyers in this class do, and you get to select between a 110PS 1.6-litre diesel and, well, that's it. Where the diesel is solely offered with a six-speed manual transmission, the petrol engine comes with the choice of a manual or a six-speed Xtronic automatic gearbox.

Nissan hasn't done anything too radical to the styling of the Pulsar. It's almost as if they want to re-enter the market quietly, appealing to more conservative buyers who couldn't picture themselves behind the wheel of a Juke or a Qashqai.

The Barcelona-built Pulsar features in-

stantly recognisable Nissan hallmarks like the V-motion grille and boomerang-shaped lighting signature with bold and energetic curves on the body side. It features some bold surfacing on the flanks although there are aspects of the rear end that are quite Corolla.

The interior features higher quality materials than we've seen on Nissan hatches to date, and there seems to have been a concerted effort to create a common look and feel across typefaces and grains on the dash. Thanks to the longest wheelbase in the class at 2,700mm, the Pulsar offers considerably more rear legroom and shoulder room than its sector rivals.

The entry level Visia is priced from £15,995 and gets a strong standard equipment count including a 5" colour screen, steering wheel mounted controls, Bluetooth and air conditioning. Step up to the Acenta model and another £1,700 or so nets you added extras like Forward Emergency Braking, automatic lights and wipers and Nissan's ingenious i-Key system. The n-tec versions adds 17" alloys, privacy glass and Nissan's signature LED lights. It also offers a colour reversing camera and NissanConnect 2, an infotainment system offering full smartphone integration, Google Send-to-Car and access to a wide variety of apps.

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Aldridge side take a knock

Church Stretton 36 Aldridge 22
ALDRIDGE'S league ambitions took a bit of a knock when they visited Church Stretton for Saturday's fixture.
A couple of penalty attempts were missed but after 10 minutes a slick feed came from scrum-half Adam Reed and this released right winger Nick Yates, who galloped down the short side and over unopposed into the corner.
An Aldridge dropped ball was snatched up by the opposition whose winger knifed through a porous-looking defence to score.
An Alex Yates penalty some put them back in the lead but again another soft try - converted - made it 12-8. As the interval approached full back Ben Drinkwater dived over to score. No.10 Harry Baldock added the extras.
Dan McKenna touched down beneath the posts .

Downing has grown – Smith

DEAN SMITH said young Walsall defender Paul Downing has grown as a player throughout this season.
The Saddlers boss has also been hugely impressed with the 22-year-old's "brilliant" reaction to last month's thrashing at Rochdale, when he came in for fierce criticism along with the rest of the defence after the Saddlers conceded four without reply.
At the time, Smith described Downing as being "tortured" during the game.
"It's brilliant how he reacted to it and how he has kept on reacting to it since then," said Smith.

Walsall dominate and take the points



Chris Mould looking to avoid Sills tacklers

Walsall 29 Silhillians 21
WALSALL dominated most of this match, but really struggled to finish off the chances that they created.
The visitors had the advantage of a strong wind during the first half and managed to secure a 20-21 lead .
Alex Winter scored two tries, while Alex Kirke kicked three penalties and a conversion.
Walsall's points came through two tries from close range by flanker Jamie Hickman. A Weston break set up the first.
The second came after a sweeping passing movement saw Jack Crowhurst's kick being collected by Matt Wood and then Hickman going over from the resulting ruck.
Walsall's third try was a spectacular 40 metre gallop by lock forward Mike

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Benson. He showed great athleticism in collecting the restart kick and outpacing the defence to crash over wide out. Roger Weston added a penalty and a conversion.
The hosts should have added to their try tally, but passes were not delivered or possession was lost or kicked away.
Walsall, to their credit, finished the first half strongly, with several defence splitting plays. But the final piece of try scoring play never materialised.
The second half saw the hosts enjoy a monopoly of possession with fly half Wood using the wind to good effect with his accurate kicking.
But, incredibly, they failed to score a

single try as their players were guilty of squandering numerous opportunities.
Final passes were dropped, possession was spilled or the ball was kicked away.
Sills managed a couple of threatening forays into Walsall territory and, indeed, it was only a last ditch Mould tackle that deprived them of another score.
But the visitors were forced to defend for long periods.
This resulted in them conceding penalties.
Wood slotted a 30 metre drop goal before Weston put over two penalties to give his team an eight point lead.
They secured the win, but despite continuous pressure, they failed to secure the extra try for a bonus point.
This Saturday Walsall travel up the M6 to play Stoke.

Wood find way home from an early setback

Walsall Wood 2 Coventry Sphinx 1
FINDING themselves a goal down after just 90 seconds Wood turned the game around in a much-improved second half.

Max Black cancelled out the early goal from Luke Downes before a Scott Cooper wonder goal gave them a deserved win. It couldn't have started worse for Wood, with Black racing on to a ball into the left of the box.

Keeper Scott Dutton made a brave, full-length save at his feet and the keeper's kick found Giovanni Dainty just outside the right of the Wood box, he ran across the face of it, cleverly laid the ball back to Luke Downes, 25 yards out, to fire an absolute screamer into the top corner to put the visitors ahead.

After eight minutes Ben Evans cut inside and crossed into the box, Jack Rooney got in a back header that beat his keeper but was inches wide of the left hand post.

Harry Harris collected a ball wide right, cut inside and lobbed the ball over the advancing Dutton, the ball inches outside the right hand post this time.

Then Drew Aiton scythed inside from wide right, his low cross found Harris who turned inside his marker and his low drive was saved at full stretch by Dutton.

Four minutes later Rooney won the ball in the centre and ran at the Wood defence, his pinpoint ball into the left of the box was collected at pace by Rickie Cutting.

His low drive was superbly pushed around the post by keeper Mario Kisiel, the resultant corner was easily cleared. Kyle Baxter ran at the Wood defence before setting up Ashley Cain, his first time low drive com-

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fortably saved by Kisiel.

Wood started the second half at a higher tempo and on 50 minutes Craig Deakin powered down the right, played a one-two with Black before racing into the right of the box, only to hit a cross/shot well wide.

Rooney played a long ball over the top of the Wood defence, Kisiel racing from his box to head clear from Cain. Wood equalised on 57 minutes with Evans fading across the face of the box from right to left and finding Aiton wide left.

He cut inside and his vicious low drive was pushed away by Dutton and Sphinx, under intense pressure, couldn't get the ball away leaving Black to pounce and fire into the roof of the net.

Then from a right wing corner the ball was only half cleared to Scott Cooper 30 yards out, he flicked the ball in the air, turned, and hit an absolute thunderbolt into the top corner with a strike three goalkeeper's wouldn't have kept out.

They nearly wrapped it up two minutes later, Harris raced into the box, unselfishly set up Evans who fired a cross shot just wide. Wood had to work hard to come back from the early setback, but in the second half there were signs the old fluency of last season is showing again.

Blox left wondering what might have been



Bloxwich's Liam Chew is on the break during the match against visitors Clew Hill

Bloxwich RFC 1st XV 21
King George's Bloxwich 24

DUE to injuries and suspensions the Bloxwich XV had to be reshuffled, and still managed a committed and noteworthy performance.

The territory and possession produced some early points for Bloxwich with Palmer knocking over two penalties to establish a 6-0 lead. Clew Hill's scrum half used a quick ball from the base of a ruck to expose an open blind side to sprint 15 yards for the first try. With the conversion

missed . In the scrum the visitor's pack flexed their power and forced Bloxwich backwards for a push over try. With the conversion good .

Jamie Parkes broke off a 15yard maul to cross the line for the first try for the home side.

The second half didn't start well for Bloxwich when they were reduced to 14 for 10 minutes for a yellow card offence.

The visitors made full use of the extra man when their centre sprinted 50 yards to score.

Bloxwich No.8 Jack Hunt sent Clew Hill defenders bouncing in every direction to score a one handed try from 20 yards out.

With less than a couple of minutes left on the clock some quick passing presented skipper Richard Geary a gap which he took to burst through two would-be tacklers to cross for the final score.

With the conversion missed the score finished 21-24 to the visitors Clew Hill, with Bloxwich thinking what could have been .

Late tries bring the rewards for United

WALSALL United were leading a strong Halesonians 2nd team with just 10 minutes to play.
But two late scores gave the hosts a 35 – 24 victory. Walsall scored three tries through Jordan Sproul, Jordan Lay and Carl Robinson. Richard Fearnhead converted them all and kicked a penalty.

Walsall 3rds were involved in a close match against Telford 2nds. Telford hung on to win 27 -21. Andy Payne,Phil Stanley and Andy Field scored tries for Walsall. Field also kicked three conversions.

Walsall Colts lost 25-5 to a strong Silhillians team. The Walsall team found it difficult to break through the Sills defence and had to be content with one Connor Fletcher try.

Burntwood U-16s 8
Walsall U-16s 60

An impressive performance by the Walsall team.

Walsall scorers were Dan Carpenter(5),Zach Edwards(2) Alex Parker,Tom Olivio and Lewis Keane. Zach Edwards kicked four conversions with Tom Olivio converting one.

Walsall U-12s won both their games against a well-organised and committed Bridgnorth team.

Dream is Greal-ised for Jack

TEENAGE midfielder Jack Grealish spoke of his "dream come true" after he put pen to paper on a new four-year contract at Villa.

The 19-year-old, signed the deal last week, ending any immediate speculation about a move away from Villa Park.

And Grealish said: "I'm delighted and it's a dream come true to commit my future to my boyhood club.

"I've grown up supporting the club – in fact, I've had a season ticket at Villa since I was four years old and came to every game – so this is a big thing for me and my family."

All of my family are Villa fans and my dad (Kevin) has been there from the start, all through my career he's followed me and he hasn't missed a Villa game this season.

"I know I have to continue to kick on and push on now, I have to keep developing and progressing and I have to strive to be as good a player as I can possibly be."

Mantom on recovery road

MANAGER Dean Smith has claimed Sam Mantom has taken a big step on the road to recovery after the Walsall midfielder returned to training.

The 22-year-old has not kicked a ball this season after suffering a knee ligament injury in the summer.

After seeing Mantom suffer several setbacks in his bid to regain fitness, Smith is remaining understandably cautious but does not believe it will take last year's player of the season long to get up to speed.

"It's a big step to get him on the training ground and in among the players again," said Smith.

Willenhall's brave fight is not enough for win

Willenhall 18 Burntwood 23
TWO tries from skipper Ben Holt, both gifts, and 13 points from Will Peach provided the points for Burntwood but it was their disciplined defence, particularly in the second half, which earned the win at Bognop Road.
Probing kicks by the hosts pinned the visitors back from the kick off but full back Brett Taylor dealt with them well.
When Willenhall tried to run the ball out Holt intercepted to race to the line for his first try, converted by Peach.
Willenhall hit back. The Burntwood defence did well to hold out but finally a loose pass allowed the hosts to exploit an overlap on the right for an unconverted try.
After 25 minutes Burntwood mounted their first real attack. A clever move set

Aza Dunet away over halfway. The final defender did just enough to bring him down but the ball was recycled out to the left for what looked like a try in the corner but it was disallowed for crossing.

Willenhall were caught offside and Peach kicked the penalty goal.

He was on target again five minutes later and racked up another success in the 35th minute.

This promising lead was eaten into when Willenhall scored their second tryclose to the break. A penalty award was kicked to touch. They won the line out, fed the backs and the inside centre cut back against the grain to find a gap and sprint to the line.

They almost reduced the lead further but for a fine tackle on the home right winger as he was in full flight down the touchline.

Much of the second period took part in the Burntwood half. The first score was a penalty goal. The visitors were hanging on to their slender lead and were gifted a second try.

Peach worked his side into the opposition half for the first time with some excellent touch-finders. When Willenhall infringed at a maul he tried a kick at goal. The attempt was long enough but left of the target.

Apologetically

However, the home player who fielded the ball attempted a pass to a colleague only for the ball to run loose and Holt was there to apologetically touch down for the score. Peach added an excellent conversion from near the left touchline for good measure.

Willenhall hit back in determined fash-

ion, moving the ball right and left for their outside centre to shrug off a tackle to break through the defensive line but his try-scoring pass missed its target.

The hosts laid siege to the Burntwood try line but the visitors held out until the pressure finally told in the 76th minute.A series of phases created an overlap for a Willenhall try but no conversion.

Burntwood managed to control the last four minutes of normal time and eight minutes of added time courtesy of Holt's fine tackle at the restart. Peach had a kick at goal and though he was wayward, it kept play deep in the opposition half.

With the final whistle due at the next breakdown, the hosts mounted one last attack. They crossed halfway but the winger was bundled into touch to end the contest.

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Top-half finish is feasible, captain

CAPTAIN Adam Chambers says a top half finish remains a realistic aim for Walsall despite the Saddlers sliding into the bottom four.

Defeat to bottom of the table Crewe on Saturday saw Dean Smith's men slip to 21st place. Chambers acknowledges performances must improve quickly but remains adamant there is enough quality in the squad to achieve a high finish.

"I look at the squad and what I see in training every day and I'm still confident we can finish high up the table," he said. "In seasons gone by we have been on good runs and it is going to take that again to get us up to where we want to be."

"It has happened in previous seasons and we need it again."

"This momentum or consistency, or whatever you want to call it, is what we keep looking for and we need to find it. We are working hard at it, we really are."

Saturday's defeat was their fifth of the season and came against a Crewe side who had shipped 30 goals in their opening 12 league games. But Jordan Cook was the only man to bring a serious save out of visiting keeper Ben Garratt and the visitors snatched all three points when defender Adam Dugdale pounced on an error by to score.

Whitby punish Pics' mistakes

Rushall 1 Whitby Town 5 CHARLIE Reece gave Rushall the lead after just five minutes, the Pics' striker calmly lobbed two defenders.

It took Whitby just 14 minutes to level as Pics defender Jack Duggan and keeper Cameron Belford showed a lack of communication and Lee Mason fired into an empty net.

Belford's weak clearance led to Whitby's second goal, with striker Steve Snaith coolly curling his shot round the Rushall keeper.

It went from bad to worse for Rushall before half-time as Kris Taylor backed off from Liam Shepard who fired in to make it 3-1 to Whitby.

Snaith then grabbed his second just five minutes into the second half.

Whitby's Lee Mason beat three Rushall players and Craig Farrell netted.

Dean gets tough with warning to players

DEAN SMITH has warned Walsall's failing players to change their attitudes or face the exit.

The Saddlers boss declared he is not afraid to wield the axe and move certain players out unless they start taking greater responsibility.

Saturday's 1-0 home defeat to Crewe saw the Saddlers slide into the bottom four and a concerned Smith believes some players have been too quick to give in when faced with adversity.

"I said last week the players need to take more responsibility and I have told them

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that," said the manager. "Sometimes I feel there is an acceptance and I have told players before and I have told them this week if I see the continuing acceptance from some players they will be moved out."

"That is the way football works."

When asked to qualify what he meant by 'acceptance' Smith added: "I felt we gave the ball away cheaply and there was an acceptance we gave the ball away, instead of a reaction to go and win it back. I always

say it is the behaviour of the modern player.

"Mistakes will always happen but it is the way you react to it and sometimes our reactions have not been good enough."

Smith will demand an instant response when the Saddlers visit fellow strugglers Crawley and he is hoping top scorer Tom Bradshaw will be back from a hamstringing problem in time to feature.

The Saddlers have taken just one point from four games without their top scorer and Smith agrees they look a different side with him in it. In a Saturday's match against Crewe the game was almost over be-

fore the Saddlers put together a meaningful strike. The side were booed as they left the field and Smith is coming under pressure from the fans.

"If I analyse it, we have not done as well without him," he said. "The games he has played we have normally played well."

"The ones where we haven't played so well is where we have missed his energy up front and his know-how."

Paul Downing should recover from a sickness bug in time to return, while an extension to Andy Butler's loan deal should be sealed this week at the latest.

BOOS START AS SADDLERS FALL

Walsall 0 Crewe 1

SADDLERS' latest defeat saw players booed off and a growing number of fans questioning boss Dean Smith.

After Scunthorpe and Rochdale, add this to the list of Saddlers early season lowlights. Walsall weren't terrible and Smith was quite right afterwards, when he opined they never looked like losing the game before Dugdale struck six minutes from time.

But he was also bang on the money in noting they never looked like winning it either.

At home to the team bottom of the table, who had shipped 30 goals in their 12 league games prior, the Saddlers managed just one serious effort on target.

Smashed

The team which had smashed three past Preston and Doncaster and taken a point off leaders Bristol City in their previous three home games were so directionless and timid in attack it was at times painful to watch.

Little wonder the boos and angry shouts directed at the technical area at the full-time whistle were the loudest they have been for some time, as the result saw the Saddlers slide into the division's bottom four.

There is no suggestion Smith's position is under threat but after just four wins in 31 league games dating back to the end of January, it should come as no surprise that even some moderate supporters are now starting to lose patience.

Football

The manager had strong words for the way certain players are failing to take enough responsibility and with five changes to the starting line-up, it is reasonable to surmise he is unsure of his strongest side.

At least one of those changes was enforced, as Paul Downing missed out due to an illness which had also inflicted James Baxendale in the build-up to the game and saw the squad sent home early on Friday. How the manager must be hoping Tom Bradshaw recovers from his hamstringing troubles in time for tomorrow. Without their top scorer, the Saddlers have collected just one point from 12 games and as a collective the forward line have been unable to step up in his absence.

It was a shame Sawyers, one of their better players on the day, was responsible for the error which handed Dugdale the winner.

Walsall took until 15 minutes from time to seriously test visiting keeper Ben Garratt who tipped over Jordan Cook's audacious lob.



Walsall's winger Anthony Forde attempts a drive at Banks's Stadium during the clash with Crewe

Bloxwich shutout the Spa

Bloxwich Men's First XI 6 Droitwich Spa 0

BLOXWICH wanted to build on their strong performance last week and, after another good week of preparation with coach Steve Mallows, they were ready.

Bloxwich pressed well to start with but could not find the finishing touch to take the lead.

Just 18 minutes in, the one-sided pressure and good passing paid off for Bloxwich as Adam Baldwin broke the deadlock and took the lead for Bloxwich.

With the floodgates well and truly opened, Bloxwich continued to play well as a team and the goals flooded in.

Adam Baldwin got two more to get his hat-trick, Phil Ashcroft got another two to make it 5-0 and the result was wrapped up with a coolly taken flick by Matt Baldwin.

Young goalkeeper, and first team debutant, George Forrester, had little to do in this one-sided game as the defence held strong again and took great pride in their second consecutive clean sheet.

Next week they face Old Wulfs.

Saddlers among league's cheapest

WALSALL offer some of the cheapest tickets to watch League One football, according to the new BBC Sport Price of Football study.

The Saddlers fans pay £40 less than the average for the cheapest season tickets to watch their team, while match-day tickets are also less than the majority of their rivals.

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